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A RESIDENT OF THE AGAWAM/FEEDING HILLS AREA for 32 years, Dr. Said Zu'bi was the Director of Nuclear Medicine at Baystate Medical Center from 1968 until his retirement in 1996.

*At Baystate Medical Center...*

### Plaque Dedicated To The Late Dr. Said Zu'bi Of Feeding Hills

Colleagues, friends, and family of the late Said Zu'bi, M.D., gathered at Baystate Medical Center, Department of Radiology, Nuclear Medicine Division, on Tuesday, November 9th, to dedicate a plaque in his memory. Dr. Zu'bi was a resident of Agawam and Feeding Hills for 32 years.

A reception followed the dedication ceremony. Family members present were his wife, Mary, of Feeding Hills, and his children, Marwan and Cyn-di Zu'bi of Agawam, Imad Zu'bi of South Hadley, and Nadrah and Michael McKenzie and grandchildren Michael Ryan and Cara Christine of Belchertown.

Dr. Zu'bi, who died suddenly last February, was one of the first physicians in this country to be board certified in Nuclear Medicine when it became a specialty. Under his guidance, the Nuclear Medicine Division at Baystate Medical Center became known as one of the finest in New England.

Her credited much of the success and growth of the division to the professional skills and compassion of the technicians and staff. It was through their efforts, to express their affection and respect for him, that this tribute took place. The plaque reads in part *"Dedicated physician, teacher, friend."*

After obtaining his M.D. degree at the American University of Beirut in Lebanon, Dr. Zu'bi received additional training in surgery at Syracuse, New

York, and completed a four-year Residency and fellowship in Pathology at Hartford Hospital.

There was no residency program in Nuclear Medicine, so with the sponsorship of then Western Mass. Medical Center, he traveled around the U.S. to learn about this new field in the Medical Centers where these procedures were being developed. He was the Director of Nuclear Medicine at BMC from 1968 until his retirement in 1996.

Dr. Zu'bi was a member of numerous committees at BMC and was responsible for the training of the Radiology Residents and Cardiac Fellows during their rotations through Nuclear Medicine. He was a member of several professional organizations, and was a member of the Nominating Committee, a member of the Board of Trustees, and served as President of the New England Chapter of Nuclear Medicine.

He was an Associate Clinical Professor in the Department of Radiology at Tufts University School of Medicine and served as Director of Nuclear Medicine Technology at Springfield Technical Community College.

A tribute to Dr. Zu'bi, published in the New England Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology, stated that he was, "A strong believer in research and education, he took part in multiple clinical trials and published numerous articles in professional journals. The Nuclear Medicine world has lost one of its staunchest supporters and greatest friends."

### State Rep. Dan Keenan Holds Annual Pasta Dinner



LAST MONTH, State Representative Dan Keenan held his annual Pasta Dinner at the Polish-American Club on Southwick Street in Feeding Hills. IN LEFT PHOTO: Eva Nasembeni and Karen DaPonde helping with the salad. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Keenan (center) with Polish Club members Janice & Eddie Barako of Feeding Hills. (See additional photos on Page 6.) Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

# Melconian Announces Nov. 10th Passage Of Fiscally Sound Budget

Senate Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is pleased to announce the November 10th passage of a fiscally sound budget that fully funds education reform, improves access to the Senior Pharmacy Program, provides tax relief, increases local aid.

The \$20.8 billion budget was developed by the House-Senate conference committee charged with resolving differences between the House budget and the Senate budget to develop a single legislative proposal to submit to the Governor.

"The budget we enacted on Wednesday reflects our recognition of the Commonwealth's unique economic circumstances," said Melconian. "We are taking advantage of our fiscal well-being by both addressing pressing needs and providing tax relief. This balanced budget, shaped by the Senate's priorities, is a sound approach to our responsibilities and opportunities."

Agawam will receive more than \$10.8 million in school aid and more than \$3.2 million in lottery disbursements for this year's budget. These figures represent a \$900,000 increase over last year's total. The town will benefit from alterations to the school building assistance program that grants local school systems funds to refurbish school buildings in addition to the funding they receive when they build a new school.

The budget also funds a study of this building program that may result in an increase in Agawam's school construction reimbursement rate. The town will also receive a portion of the \$50 million appropriation for road and bridge construction across the state and additional money for community policing.

The compromise budget contains language and funding to expand the Pioneer Valley's public transportation bus service to include weekend and evening hours. "This service is an important quality of life issue for all of us," said Melconian. "It is vital to those citizens who rely heavily on public transportation, including men and women who work non-traditional hours and senior citizens. Governor Cellucci vetoed this issue in last year's budget. It is my hope that this year, he

will recognize its importance to Western Massachusetts."

The fiscal year 2000 budget contains both broad-based and targeted tax relief that will affect every citizen in the Commonwealth. Some of these tax relief measures include a reduction in current income tax from 5.95 percent to 5.75 percent, an increase in the rental exemption, an extension of the investment tax credit for business, and an expanded definition of dependents. The budget also creates a circuit breaker tax cut for low and moderate income seniors that gives them up to a \$750 tax credit if their property tax exceeds 10 percent of their income.

Melconian highlighted the Senate's increased spending on education, from pre-school to higher education. "Education is a point of pride for the Senate," said Senator Melconian. "We've increased expenditures for high-quality education from pre-school to college. We know there is no single grade of school or aspect of education that is most important and so funds are allocated for a variety of crucial endeavors." The new budget also authorizes \$54.4 million to finance an additional 65 school construction projects.

"Senior citizens are another group that benefited from the Senate's insistence on sharing the benefits of a booming economy," said Senator Melconian. The Senate-sponsored senior prescription drug plan is one of the most expansive in the country. It allocates a total of \$72 million for prescription drugs for senior citizens including \$20 million for a catastrophic drug program and \$52 million for the Senior Pharmacy Program. The proposal expands the Senior Pharmacy Program by increasing the benefit from \$750 to \$1,250 and increasing eligibility from 150 percent of the federal poverty level to 188 percent.

"This budget is a responsible approach to governing in generally good economic times," said Senator Melconian. "We invest in our future, we help the vulnerable, and we distribute an array of tax cuts. This is sound planning for tomorrow and the next generation and our long-term interests."

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## Fire Wise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

**Be Smart — Plan Now  
For A Worry-Free Winter**

As the temperatures drop, the number of residential fires goes up. The Agawam Fire Department wants you to have a worry-free winter by taking the following precautions:

Before the home heating season begins, have a qualified serviceman inspect your furnace and change the filters. Make sure that all papers, trash, and flammable liquids are kept away from the furnace area.

If you have a fireplace or wood stove that you use for home heating, make sure it's cleaned and inspected by a qualified chimney sweep. Burn only dry, well-seasoned hard woods such as oak, hickory and maple. Avoid wood that is green and moist.

When using your fireplace, make sure the opening is covered with a metal screen or glass doors, and never leave a fire unattended. A wood stove should have a minimum clearance of 36 inches between the stove and combustible walls and ceilings.

Flammable liquids should never be used to start or accelerate any fire. Place ashes in a metal container and store outside away from the house.

Portable space heaters, electric or kerosene, also need special attention. Make sure there is a minimum of 36 inches of clearance on all sides of these heaters. Small children should not be left unattended in a room with a portable heater.

Follow the manufacturer's suggestions for proper operation and maintenance. Keep kerosene stored in approved metal containers in a well-ventilated area outside the house, and never attempt to refuel a heater while it's operating or hot.

Frozen water pipes? Never try to thaw them with a torch or other open flame. Use hot water or UL-labeled device for thawing.

Assist the fire department by keeping fire hydrants near your home clear of snow, so in the event of a fire, the hydrant can be easily located.

Make sure there are operating smoke detectors on each level of your home. Your family should have and practice a home fire escape plan.

Contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662 if you have any questions or for additional information.

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## Letters To The Editor

### Rheault's Campaign Mgrs. Reflect On Election Season

#### To The Editor:

The campaign is over; we are exhausted, disappointed, proud, and blessed. As managers for Donald Rheault's mayoral campaign, we were able to experience the true spirit of volunteers working hard together for something they believe in.

Even though our emotional investment in this campaign has left us to deal with one of life's disappointments, we are able to recognize how fortunate we are to have been involved with such a genuine man, his fine family, his supporters, and campaign volunteers. We spent a lot of time together and we want to say how very glad we are to have met so many of Don Rheault's supporters.

We enjoyed the choice families we were able to get to know and work with. You guys were great! We truly feel that we have added to our own family by getting to know those of you who volunteered your time and energy. Some of you even took time off from work to be there; some shared their talent by baking or creating ideas.

We really worked as a team for someone we all believed in. We can all be proud of the fact that we ran an honest and positive campaign. We feel like winners because we are blessed with so many new friendships which we will always value.

Don, you know that you are loved by many wonderful people. We are proud to be associated with you and with them! Thanks so much for the opportunity to enrich our lives with so many new friends in Agawam!

Sincerely,  
Peter and Korby Clark

### Mayor-Elect Cohen Says Thanks To His Supporters

#### To The Editor:

#### Dear Agawam Citizens:

I greatly appreciate all the support given to me on Tuesday, November 2, 1999. Thanks to the many dedicated voters who turned out for the general election, I was able to obtain a victory for the position of Mayor of Agawam.

This victory will allow me to accomplish a great deal as Agawam's second mayor. My commitment to all the residents of Agawam is stronger than ever. I am pleased to have your confidence and trust.

I promise to make everyone proud to be a member of this wonderful community in which we all live.

I am truly honored that through the democratic process, the City of Agawam has voted not only for Rich Cohen, but also for my values, concerns, and quality of life for our own citizens.

Let's walk proudly together and continue to make Agawam an even greater place - a greater place to live by supporting family values, giving back to our senior citizens, and investing wisely in education and economic development.

I want Agawam to remain a strong, thriving, healthy community and with the help of the City Council, School Committee, city employees, and the citizens of this wonderful city, we will achieve all of this ... as a team.

Again, I thank everyone for their support and believe that together, Rich Cohen and the citizens will make a positive difference.

From my heart, thank you with much gratitude.  
Rich Cohen  
Mayor - Elect  
Agawam

### Keenan Has Info. On Civil Service Exams

State Representative Dan Keenan is pleased to offer applications and scheduling information for the Commonwealth's current Civil Service examinations, which includes all announcements regarding Open Competitive Civil Service exams for the FY 2000.

Also available is information relating to the new Continuous Testing (ConTest) program which allows applicants for certain positions to apply for and take exams on an ongoing basis.

Please contact the District office at 786-4545 for further information.

### Rossi Says Thank-You For Being Elected To Council

#### To The Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Agawam for their trust and confidence in me to represent them as their City Councilor.

My concerns for the needs of Agawam remain constant, and I will strive to protect the interests of our citizens and to preserve the quality of life in our town. My election campaign held two beliefs to be true, that "every voice has a right to be heard" and "working together, we will succeed." I shall always be committed to those goals. I thank you for your vote; I welcome your help.

To my committee, Ray & Marie Nardi, Eddie & Beverly Santaniello, and Lois Puopolo, for your kindness, generosity, and tireless efforts, I am extremely grateful.

A special thanks to the truly gifted talents of Karen Govoni's inspiring sign design and Christina Morassi, whose photography created so much from so little.

To Joanne Brown, I shall always be in debt to your "Red Pen." To all those who carried signs at the polls and were gracious to have lawn signs, thank you so much!

And to my family, David, Gina, & Mike, Margo & Jeff, Courtney & Danielle, whose inspiration became a reality - all my love.

Sincerely,  
Bob Rossi  
Feeding Hills

### Let's Praise Everyone Involved In Getting Smoking Ban Passed

#### To The Editor:

Congratulations are in order for those who worked hard to get the restaurant smoking ban passed. The City Council, including the Council's Ordinance Subcommittee, did a fine job dealing with this issue speedily yet thoroughly.

None of this would have been possible, however, without the efforts of Edythe Chiba. She took up the non-smoking cause after the Board of Health voted the measure down in July. She persisted and found out that the Health Board could be circumvented by going directly to the City Council with a petition requesting the passage of an ordinance banning smoking in restaurants. Edythe secured the required 100 petition signatures.

Those who value a smoke-free dining experience owe a debt of gratitude to Edythe Chiba. I know that I do. I'm proud to be her friend.

Mike Marieb  
Feeding Hills

### Rheault Expresses Profound Gratitude To His Supporters

#### To The Editor:

I would first like to thank my family for their love and support during this election. To all the dedicated workers who were at my side day after day, it was a humbling experience, and my sincere "thanks" to each and every one of you for your unselfish help.

To all the voters who supported me this election, a very special "thank you." Also, thanks to the council for electing me as your Council President for my ninth year; you helped make my job easier.

I wish the new council "good luck," and also to our new Mayor.

With sincere appreciation,  
Don Rheault, President  
Agawam City Council

## — Obituaries —

#### Thomas E. Cascio

Thomas E. Cascio, 90, of 262 Meadow Street, Agawam, died recently in a local nursing home.

He founded Thomas E. Cascio Co. in 1935 and was a landscape contractor.

He lived in Agawam for 80 years. He was a 1927 graduate of Agawam High School and received a degree in aviation design and fabrication from the New York Institute.

A lifelong member of the Lions Club, he was president in 1958, district governor in 1973 and 1974, and received the 1991 Melvin Jones Award for Humanitarian Services.

He was a world traveler with the Lions Club and belonged to UNICO, the Italian Sporting Club, the West Springfield Fish and Game Club, and the Mawaga Club.

His first wife, the former Florence A. Fiore, died in 1981.

He leaves his second wife, the former Phyllis L. Ross; a son, Thomas E. Jr. of Feeding Hills; a daughter, Marianne Shenefield of Agawam; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home, with burial in Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Massachusetts Lions Club Eye Research Fund, P.D.G., William T. Murphy, Treasurer, P.O. Box 6050, New Bedford, MA 02742.

#### Angela S. Desilets

Angela S. (LaPalme) Desilets, 88, of 113 Maynard Street, Feeding Hills, died recently in a local nursing home.

Born in North Grosvenordale, Connecticut, she lived in Canada and later Springfield before moving to Feeding Hills in 1988.

She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, and a former communicant of St. Joseph's Church in Springfield.

Her husband, Omer Desilets, died in 1980.

She leaves two sons, Roger of the Willimansett section of Chicopee and Robert of Feeding Hills; a daughter, Laurie Parent of Feeding Hills; four brothers, Rene LaPalme of North Grosvenordale, and Simon LaPalme, Theodore LaPalme, and Alfred LaPalme, all of Putnam, Connecticut; a sister, Simone Gauthier of North Grosvenordale; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in Sacred Heart Church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

#### Jean C. McGann

Jean C. (Pells) McGann, 71, of Quail Run Estates, Agawam, and formerly of Shaker Road in the Somersville section of Somers, Connecticut, died recently at home.

She worked at the Springborn Laboratories for 15 years and retired in 1985. Born in New Britain, Connecticut, she lived in Enfield and Somers most of her life.

She was a communicant of St. Bernard's Church in Enfield.

She leaves two sons, Michael of Suffield and John of France; a daughter, Karen Jones of Springfield; a sister, Mildred Amback of Suffield; and eight grandchildren.

The funeral was at Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels and the church, with burial in the church cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Connecticut Lung Association, 45 Ash St., East Hartford, CT 06108.

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**Veterans' Corner...**

by Ruth C. Bitzas

Agawam Veterans' Agent — 786-0400, Ext. 236 Or 237

**Agawam Polish-American Club Donates \$1,111.99 To Veterans' Honor Roll**

Once again, many thanks are in order for the Agawam Polish-American Club. On Wednesday, November 10th, members of my family and I attended the World War I presentation directed by retired Agawam Band Director, Mr. Darcy Davis. We enjoyed a wonderful evening of WWI era music and songs with the Agawam Senior Melody Chorus.

At that time, Mr. Bob Binnenkade, Vice-President of the Polish-American Club of Agawam, presented me with a check for \$1,111.99 — a Veterans' Day donation for the Agawam Honor Roll project! In addition, folks attending the event made donations totaling \$382, also for the Honor Roll.

We now have a grand total of \$33,478.34. We truly appreciate the Polish-American Club's assistance and that of everyone in attendance.

The names of World War II veterans whose Home of Record is Agawam will be included on the Honor Roll. This week, we are publishing those names which begin with the letters "K" and "L."

KACHON, GEORGE H.  
KALINOWSKI, EDMUND F.  
KANE, KENNETH E.  
KASESKI, FLORENCE B.  
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KAWIE, JOSEPH A.  
KEEFE, ROBERT P.  
KEELEY, BERNARD F.  
KEELEY, JAMES  
KEELEY, THOMAS J.  
KERBER, FREDERICK K.  
KERR, ARTHUR W.  
KERR, CARLTON  
KERR, DONALD  
KERR, HUGH W.  
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KING, RONALD E.  
KING, ROY J.  
KNAPP, GAYLORD D.  
KNIGHT, HERMAN A.  
KOCHANEK, BRUNO W.

KOCHANEK, CARL W.  
KOCHANEK, LILLIAN M.  
KOLONOSKI, STANLEY J.  
KOSAK, ANTHONY J.  
KUPEC, JOHN W.  
KUPEC, GEORGE J.  
KWIATKOWSKI, REYNOLD R.  
KWIATOWSKI, THOMAS  
LaBRANCHE, RAYMOND B.  
LACHAPELLE, RICHARD W.  
LANGDON, KENNETH C.  
LANGDON, RICHARD M.  
LAMIER, WILLIAM A.  
LAMOTHE, JOSEPH W.  
LAMOUREAUX, DONALD J.  
LANCTO, WILLIAM E.  
LANDRY, JOHN A.  
LANG, WILLIS N.  
LANGEVIN, EDMUND F.  
LANGO, ALPHONSE J.  
LANGO, ANTHONY A.  
LARIVIERE, JEAN B.  
LAVALETTE, EUGENE J.  
LAVALETTE, FRANCIS J.  
LAVIOLETTE, GEORGE H.  
LECOUR, HENRY A.  
LEGER, KENNETH E.  
LEGER, LEO J., JR.  
LeGRAND, HENRY P.  
LeGRAND, RAYMOND W.  
LEONARD, SHIRLEY G.  
LePAGE, EUGENE R.  
LEPORE, ALBERT F.  
LETELLIER, BRANDON N.  
LETELLIER, ELMER  
\* LETELLIER, LAWRENCE J.  
LETENDRE, EDWARD A.  
LETENDRE, ERNEST  
LETENDRE, ROBERT A.  
LEVESQUE, EDWARD E.  
LEWIS, DONALD H.  
LIGHT, HAROLD L., JR.  
LIPPS, JOHN C.  
LIUCCI, JAMES J.  
LONCRINI, LEO A.  
LONCTO, DONALD E.  
LONGHI, CARMINO  
LONGHI, JOSEPH N.

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**OBITUARIES - from Page 4...****Mary M. Turner**

Mary M. (Kane) Turner, 71, of 26 Harvey Johnson Drive, Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born in Springfield, she was a 1946 graduate of the former Sacred Heart High School, moving to Agawam in 1960.

She was an 18-year typesetter for the former Springfield Morning Union and Daily News, retiring in 1982.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, a member of the Catholic Women's Club, and the Over 60 Club.

She leaves her husband, James A. Turner; a daughter, Maryann Rescigno of Feeding Hills; a sister, Theresa M. Longo of Agawam; and a granddaughter.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 9A, West Springfield, MA 01089.

**Farazan Saremi-pour**

Farazan "Ferry" Badry Saremi-pour, 58, of Feeding Hills, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born and educated in Iran, she moved to Feeding Hills two years ago to be near her children and grandchildren.

She attended English-As-A-Second-Language classes in West Springfield.

She leaves her husband, Javad Shahshahany of Iran; four children, Kevin K. Saremi of Longmeadow, Katrine K. Bakhtiar of Feeding Hills, and Karmela and Kamelia Shahshahany, both of Iran; and three grandchildren.

Islamic prayers were said at Harrell Funeral Home, with burial in Islamic Center Cemetery in Enfield, Connecticut. A memorial service was conducted at the Unitarian-Universalist Society of Great Springfield.

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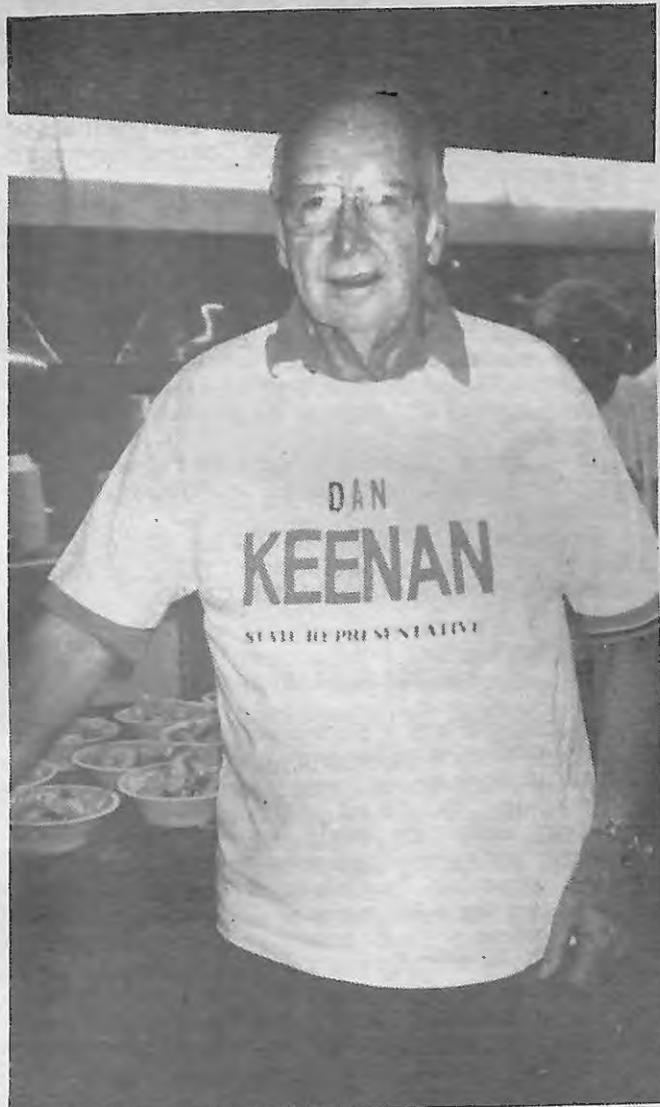


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# “Do You Want Some More Pasta???”



ENJOYING THEMSELVES AT State Representative Dan Keenan's pasta fundraiser (clockwise, from left to right): Michael Reed, Shelley Reed, Josh Docherty, Kyle Reed, and Doug Reed. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

JIM GRIFFIN helped in the kitchen and with serving up a great meal at State Representative Dan Keenan's annual Pasta Dinner at the Polish-American Club in Feeding Hills last month. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

## VETERANS - from Page 5...

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LOSITO, JOSEPH P.  
LOVOTTI, CARLO  
LOVOTTI, LOUIS J.  
LUCARDI, RALPH S.  
LUCARDI, WILLIAM C.  
LUCCARDI, CATHERINE M.  
LUCCARDI, CHARLES J.  
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THE "KITCHEN CREW" at State Representative Dan Keenan's annual pasta dinner (from left to right): Bill Slioch, Kathy Landers, Bill Farwell, Bill Farwell, Jr., Dick DiLullo, Bob DeForge, and Paul Fieldstad. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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**Wednesday, November 24th:** Stuffed cabbage, mashed potatoes, corn, pumpkin bread, Jell-O with fruit.

**Thursday, November 25th:** Thanksgiving Day (Senior Center closed).

**Friday, November 26th:** Beans and macaroni soup, "Peter's Pizza," tossed salad, mixed fruit.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

### "Lucia Fest" Slated At St. Paul Lutheran Church On Dec. 12th

"Lucia Fest," a Swedish Lucia program, will be held on December 12th at 4:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in East Longmeadow.

This event is being sponsored by Brage-Iduna Lodge No. 9 and Three Crown Swedish Children's Club of the VASA Order of America.

Watch for more information.

For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice. Thank-you for your cooperation...

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### Fire Dept. Receives \$2,510 Donation

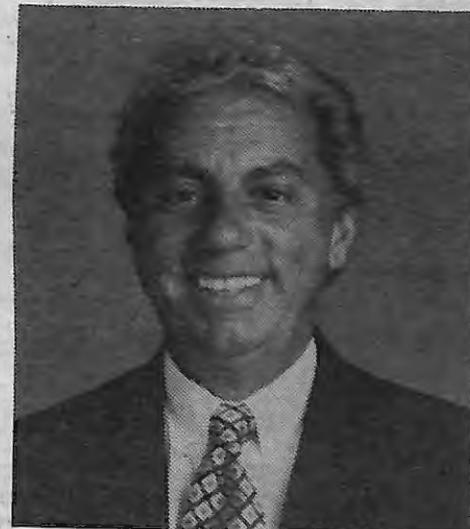


THANKS TO THE RECENT 5K ROAD RACE hosted by Millennium Press in Agawam, a check for \$2,510 was donated to the Agawam Fire Department for the purchase of a new lifesaving inflatable boat. From left to right: EMT firefighter Tony Albano, EMT firefighter Don Wells (treasurer of the Agawam Permanent Firefighters' Association), Jim Sullivan (President of Millennium Press), Kelly Sullivan, firefighter Joe Shaer, and Fire Lieutenant Nick Demko. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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**EARLY DEADLINE:** The deadline for ALL articles, ads, etc., for our Thanksgiving week edition is Sunday, November 21st, at 12:00 noon.

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### To The Citizens Of Agawam

*Thank you so much! The support, trust, and confidence you have given me during this election campaign was simply overwhelming.*

*As your City Councilor, I shall always hold firm that trust and confidence in representing your interests, and in the interest of making Agawam a better place.*

**Sincerely,  
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MR. &amp; MRS. MICHAEL A. LICHWAN

## Wendy L. O'Dea Weds Michael A. Lichwan

St. Anthony's in Agawam was the setting for the October 9th wedding of Wendy Lynn O'Dea and Michael Anthony Lichwan.

The couple exchanged wedding vows during an afternoon ceremony officiated by Father William Rousseau.

Wendy is the daughter of Paul and Sandy O'Dea of Agawam. Michael is the son of Paul Lichwan of West Springfield.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by maid of honor Lori O'Dea. Bridesmaids were Serena Barber, Jennifer Desrosiers, and Melissa Besse. Marc Lichwan served the groom as best man. Groomsmen were David Calkins and Jonathan Besse.

The newlyweds greeted family and friends at a reception held at the Comfort Inn at the Parwick Centre. They honeymooned in Aruba.

Mrs. Lichwan is employed as a property manager with Aspen Square Management in West Springfield. Mr. Lichwan is a supervisor with Ryder Integrated Logistics, Inc. in Westfield.

## The Hawran Family Announces Birth Of Son, Brett Joseph

Thomas Hawran and Kim (Jacobs) Hawran of Enfield, Connecticut are proud to announce the birth of their son, Brett Joseph Hawran, born at Hartford Hospital on October 5, 1999.

Brett weighs eight pounds, 13 ounces and is 22½ inches long. He is welcomed home by his brother, Jacob (21 months).

Maternal grandparents are Thomas & Jerilyn Jacobs of 59 Sunnyslope Ave., Agawam. Paternal grandparents are Fredrick & Judith Hawran of Windsor, Connecticut.

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<b>Columbia Crest</b> (All Varietals) <b>\$1.00 Off</b> 1 Btl. <b>\$2.00 Off</b> Each Btl. Above 1 750 ml.	<b>Michelob Reg. And Light</b> <b>\$9.99</b> P.D. 18 Pk. Cans	<b>Fleishmann Gin</b> <b>\$10.99</b> 1.75 Ltr.	<b>Corbett Canyon</b> <b>\$3.99</b> 1 Ltr. Carafes
<b>Kennedy Canadian</b> <b>\$10.99</b> 1.75 Ltr.	<b>Foster's Australian Lager</b> <b>\$9.99</b> P.D. 12 Pk. Btls.	<b>Sutter Home White Zinfandel</b> <b>\$3.99</b> 750 ml.	<b>Columbia Crest Chardonnay</b> <b>\$12.99</b> 1.5 Ltr.
<b>Sam Adams Octoberfest</b> 6 Pk. - <b>\$4.99</b> P.D. Case - <b>\$16.99</b> P.D.	<b>Jed's Or Hooch</b> Lemonade - Orange Pink Lemonade <b>\$4.95</b> P.D. 6 Pk. Btls.	<b>Milwaukee's Best</b> <b>\$10.99</b> P.D. 30 Pk. Cans.	<b>Lite</b> <b>\$7.99</b> P.D. 12 Pk. Btls. Or Cans
<b>Canadian Mist</b> <b>\$12.99</b> 1.75 Ltr.	<b>Chi-Chi's Cocktails</b> (9 Flavors) <b>\$10.99</b> 1.75 Ltr.	<b>Foxhorn Wines</b> White Zinfandel <b>\$2.99</b> Merlot, Chardonnay, & Cabernet Sauvignon <b>\$3.99</b> 750 ml.	<b>Ron Roberto Imported Rum</b> <b>\$10.99</b> 1.75 Ltr.

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## AHS Class Of 1939 Holds 60th Reunion



LAST MONTH, THE CLASS OF 1939 of Agawam High School held its 60th class reunion at Storrorwton. Back row: Cora (Pessolano) Gooch, Priscilla (Talmadge) Cole, Roger Adams, Henry Pickett, Ruth (Halladay) McKenna, Roy Andersen, George Kachon, Mitchell Zielinski, Jean Goss, Edward Nacewicz, and Joseph Guy. Middle row: Eva (Cirillo) Farland, Roberta (Loomis) Robinson, Rose (Grimaldi) Johnson, Jeanette (Smith) McCave, Rita (Magnuson) Strong, Ruth (Babcock) Newell, Margaret (Deloglia) Flynn, Georgianna (Styner) Grady, Alice (Kennedy) Lafleur, Eleanor (Fardo) Pietroniro, Zoafia (Suhotin) Demko, Sabatina (DePalma) Sinclair, Clifford Keeney, and Dorothy (Steele) Major. Seated: Fannie (Rossini) Cupidi, Norma (Colli) Connolly, Anna (Beal) Lafountain, Rose (Morris) Haynes, and Marjorie (Connors) Fronconi. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Presented By Junior Women's Club...

### 1999 Holiday Ornament Available At Local Markets

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is pleased to present the 1999 holiday ornament. This year's ornament is the ninth in a series and depicts the Agawam Indian head.

On the front of the ornament, a likeness of the Indian head (which has become a well-known symbol in our town) has been etched in the ornament. However, it is not raised, but rather indented — a different look from previous ornaments.

It represents the many Indians who were settled here a long time ago. It was those very Indians who gave us our town name.

The back of the ornament has "Happy Holidays, 1999, Agawam, Massachusetts, 9th Edition." The ornament was made in the United States and is gold, with a wreath and bow encircling the Indian head.

It would make a wonderful gift for a current Agawam resident, and even more so for a former Agawam resident — bringing a bit of the old hometown into their present home.

The ornament is available for purchase at the Agawam Public Market, the Corner Deli, the Feeding Hills Public Market, and Surprise! Card and Gift Store. The store owners and employees are a great benefit in getting the ornaments out to those interested in collecting them. We appreciate their help and your patronage.

Our first ornament in 1991 featured the Captain Charles Leonard House. In 1992, we featured the Old Agawam Center Library. In 1993, we featured the Agawam Middle School (formerly the Agawam High School).

In 1994, we featured the Annie Sullivan Memorial. In 1995, the Riverside Carousel Horse was featured. In 1996, the Agawam Fire House was featured. In 1997, we featured the Town Seal.

Last year (1998), we featured the Agawam Town Hall. This year, the Agawam Indian head makes a very historic addition to the collection.

Be sure to get your ornaments as soon as possible, as only a limited supply was ordered. Ornaments from 1991, 1993, 1994, and 1995 have been sold out and are no longer available. Ornaments from 1992, 1996, 1997, and 1998 are still available for a limited time at \$5 per ornament. Please call Betty Vershon, 786-4357, if you're interested in any of the older ornaments.

The cost of this year's ornament is \$6 per ornament. If you have any questions regarding the ornament, please call Pam Quirk, 789-3274, or Betty Vershon, 786-4357.

### Agawam Women's Club To Meet Nov. 22nd

The Agawam Women's Club will meet Monday, November 22nd at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Leonard House, Main St., Agawam.

The program will feature the Mercy Hospital Lifeline, presented by Louise Richie. Beatrice Nowill will give the invocation and the hospitality hostess will be Barbara Wright.

Members have collected toiletries, cards, t-shirts, socks, and a beautiful lap robe made by Doris Maule for the residents of the Holyoke

Soldiers' Home. This project is led by Nancy Smith.

The fundraiser this year is the sale of "The Bargain Book." It has a new look. They are in sets of three coupon books; one on "Dining and Shopping", one on "Casual Dining", and one on "Family Fun." They sell for \$15 a set.

Please contact Joan Teahan, 789-0390, or Marge Greenough, 786-1473, if you would like to purchase one.

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## At Their 60th High School Reunion



THE COMMITTEE FOR THE 60TH REUNION of Agawam High School's class of 1939. Front row: Fannie (Rossini) Cupidi and Eva (Cirillo) Farland. Back row: Mitchell Zielinski, Margaret (Deloglia) Flynn, Dorothy (Steele) Major, Jean Goss, Zoafia (Subotin) Demko, George Kachon, and Ruth (Halladay) McKenna. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



THE MEMBERS OF AHS's class of 1939 who travelled the greatest distance to attend the 60th reunion celebration (from left to right): Roberta (Loomis) Robinson from Bremerton, Washington; Roy Andersen from Worcester, Massachusetts; Alice (Kennedy) Lafleur from Hudson, Massachusetts; and Sabatina "Sabby" (DePalma) Sinclair from Melvin Village, New Hampshire. (Not pictured: William Harrison of Marco Island, Florida). Of the 51 remaining members of the class of 1939, 35 were in attendance at the 60th reunion. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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In the dental industry, it is safe to use MMA in the monomer because most prosthetics are made outside the mouth, and like nail acrylic, once polymerized and cured, dental composites are safe when placed in contact with human tissue.

A client who wears acrylic nails containing MMA will have a fill every two weeks which is being applied to the softer, keratin protein of nails, thus possibly causing numerous personal injuries. Reports include serious nail damage or loss, contact dermatitis, soreness, infections, and permanent nail deformities.

The MMA vapors are toxic even in small doses and can cause lung, liver, and heart valve damage, especially in long-term exposure.

Although certain disreputable manufacturers continue to formulate nail products with MMA, most of our industry has combined efforts and now are using EMA (Ethyl Methacrylate) based acrylic liquids for nails which are free of the hazards associated with MMA.

(Taken from a report by Terri Taricco.)

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## Greater Spfld. Realtors Support Big Brothers Big-Sisters

Eighteen children on the waiting list for a Big Brother or Big Sister came one step closer to being matched to a mentor on a late October Friday night at Riverside Park.

The Greater Springfield Association of Realtors® teamed up with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampden County to be Big Brothers and Sisters for a day with children on the mentoring agency's waiting list. The event was sponsored by the Realtors® Community Service Committee chaired by Lucianne Giguere. Committee members Priscilla Harmon and Abe Kasparian of Agawam co-chaired the *Bigs for a Day* event.

Over 25 volunteers associated with the real estate industry were paired up with children on the waiting list for an evening of fun, food, and rides. They were joined by 20 Big Brothers and Sisters and Little Brothers and Sisters matches along with board members and staff from the non-profit agency.

Some children have been waiting for over a year. The event gave them a chance to enjoy Riverside Park with a new adult friend.

### Positive Experience

"The *Be a Big for a Day* event at Riverside Park provided them with a supervised, positive experience with a caring adult in a fun and exciting setting. We are grateful to the Realtors® and Riverside Park for recognizing the need, and for doing something about it," said Big Brothers Big Sisters case manager, Michele Riley. The Realtors® donated food coupons and special sweatshirts.

### Making a Difference

According to Kasparian, the outing had been in the planning stages for over a year. "The goal of the program is to give potential volunteers from the Realtors® association a chance to spend time with a needy boy or girl and to learn more about Big Brothers Big Sisters at a community event," he said.

"The *Big for a Day* concept in volunteer recruiting is becoming popular all over the country," observed Riley. She said an important factor for potential volunteer Big Brothers at events like this is for them to discover that being a mentor to



ABE KASPARIAN OF AGAWAM (left), co-chair of the "Bigs for a Day" event, with Little Sister Paige and Big Sister Nikki Bellas, embarks on a day of adventure at Riverside Park.

ba boy is like being a kid again. When they volunteer for the program, not only are they giving something back to the community, but they are making a big difference in a child's life.

For the Realtors® part, their Community Service Committee is a pro-active group that supports organizations and projects helping folks in the greater Springfield area.

"We understand that the children that Big Brothers Big Sisters serve will be part of tomorrow's adult community. It is our feeling that we, as adults, should strengthen and support their efforts," commented Kasparian.

"The committee is proud to build a coalition with Big Brothers Big Sisters and to set an example to encourage others to volunteer their time helping others in the community," said Giguere.

For more information about volunteering to be a Big Brother or Sister, call 781-4730 or visit their website at [www.bigbrothers-sisters.org](http://www.bigbrothers-sisters.org).

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AMYANNE L. TYRELL & KEITH E. CHECCA

## Amyanne Tyrell To Wed Keith E. Checca

Mrs. Karla Tyrell of Feeding Hills and Robert Tyrell of Springfield are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amyanne Leigh, to Keith Eric Checca.

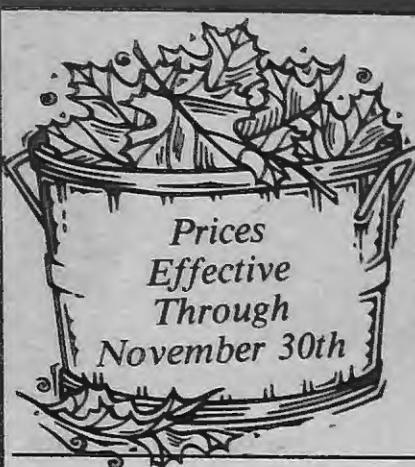
Keith is the son of Bruce Checca of Clifton Park, New York and Mrs. Pamela Checca of Saratoga Springs, New York.

Amyanne is a 1992 graduate of Agawam High School and is planning to graduate from Westfield State College in May 2000. She has been employed as a preschool teacher at Bambi Nursery School in Agawam since 1993.

Keith is a 1992 graduate of Saratoga Springs High School in New York. He is also a 1996 graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Keith works as a mechanical engineer at Springfield Wire, Inc. in Springfield.

An October 2000 wedding is planned.

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## Golden Age Club's Ch. 1 Notes 43rd Anniversary



CECILIA REBECCHI (Program Chairman) and JEANNETTE BOUCHER (Banquet Chairman) at Chapter 1's 43rd anniversary celebration at the Oaks Banquet House. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



TICKETS FOR THE CHAPTER 1 ANNIVERSARY BANQUET were handled by Rose Paro (left) and Loretta Wright (right). There was an excellent turnout for this special event. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



THE AGAWAM GOLDEN AGE CLUB, CHAPTER 1, recently celebrated its 43rd anniversary with a 12:30 p.m. banquet at the Oaks Banquet House, Suffield Street, Agawam. Entertainment was provided by the ever-popular local personality, Vera Conway. Front row: Florida Tangocci and Mary DelNegro. Back row: Louise Balboni, Jan Riberdy, and Jeanette Dore (Chapter 1 President). Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



PICTURED ABOVE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE GOLDEN AGERS who enjoyed themselves at the 43rd anniversary banquet. The Charter Club began on November 28, 1956, with the help of local churches. Its first meeting was held at St. John the Evangelist Church on Main Street, Agawam, and the first president of the Golden Age Club was Mr. Levi Rivers. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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## Michelle R. Lalancette Engaged To Marry Robert W. Manning

Ronald E. and Patricia A. Lalancette of 15 Canterbury Lane, Feeding Hills are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle R. Lalancette, to Robert W. Manning. He is the son of William J. and Mary V. Manning of 62 Stewart Lane, Agawam.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Agawam High School and received bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from Western New England College, Springfield, where she is employed as Assistant Director of Admissions.

Her fiance graduated from Agawam High School and Salem State College and received a master's degree in business administration from Western New England College. He is the Assistant Plant Manager for H.P. Hood, Inc. in Suffield.

The wedding is planned for February 2000 at the Log Cabin Banquet and Meeting House.

## A Halloween Tradition



FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW, the "TP Machine" was out in force on Valentine Street in Agawam during the Halloween season. Among those who enjoyed the "decorated" street were youngsters and young-at-heart residents who dressed up in a variety of eye-catching costumes, including "Superman," "A Clown," and "Scarlett O'Hara." Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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## Holiday Bazaar At Heritage Hall Campus

Heritage Hall Center, a member of the Genesis ElderCare network, is having its annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 20th from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The bazaar will take place on the Heritage Hall campus located off Cooper Street and Main Street.

Each of the four campus buildings will be selling craft items and baked goods made by Heritage Hall residents and the community.

In addition, tag sale tables and raffles will be held. Proceeds from the Bazaar will be used for special event programming for residents.

## TOASTMASTERS Meet In Agawam

Agawam/West Side TOASTMASTERS, a club which promotes better communication and speaking skills, meets every second and fourth Thursday of each month, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the meeting room of Country Estates, 1200 Suf- field Street, Agawam.

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For more information, call Jim, 789-2925, or Richard, 786-0887.

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# Church News

**Reflections...**  
submitted by  
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## Why Should People Praise The Lord?

It strikes some people as a little odd that we are instructed by Scripture to praise the Lord. Some people have even suggested that the instruction to praise the Lord is a reflection of God's own insecurity. "Why," they ask, "does God need to be praised? If God is as good as you say He is, He shouldn't need people's constant affirmation."

And yet, the Bible tells us, **let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.** There are three reasons why it is good, and it makes sense, to praise the Lord.

The first reason it makes sense to praise the Lord is that praise is a natural human expression. Praise is our expression of delight. Go to any sports event, and you'll hear lots and lots of praise. People will be rooting for their teams. They wear their voices out by the time they're done. When we hear a great new song on the radio, we want to tell somebody about it. When we view an especially beautiful sunrise or sunset, we wish to share it with others. When we fall in love, we're anxious to praise our beloved directly, as well as to others.

We praise what we delight in. Praise is also our expression of appreciation. Can we imagine living our lives, never praising anybody or anything? Never saying, "That was a great dinner"? or "That was the best tasting hamburger I ever ate"? Never saying, "You look great"? or "You're beautiful"? When we observe somebody taking the pleasures of life without expressing appreciation, we think such a person is a boorish ingrate. There is something wrong with a person who never praises anything or anybody else, because praise is a natural human expression.

## Thanksgiving Dinner At Faith Bible Church

On Sunday, November 21st, the members of Faith Bible Church will be holding their third annual Thanksgiving Dinner open to the public at 4:00 p.m.

The dinner is an open invitation to anyone who would like to join us for some wonderful food and warm fellowship. Our church is located at 370 Shoemaker Lane in Agawam (next to the bus company).

Please join us. You won't be sorry.

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The second reason it makes sense for us to praise the Lord is simply because of who God is. **For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land.** The fact is, there really is no one else quite like God. Even the so-called gods of other religions do not compare with God. He made the entire world in which we live, and He sustains it all by Himself. He doesn't need our help doing it. He doesn't need our praise, either, but He certainly is entitled to it.

There are some people who think the entire world somehow spontaneously self-created. Such people have two impressive qualities. They have great imagination! They can imagine that inert and inanimate objects motivated themselves to form shapes and matter, and then this dead material spun off living beings. That's some imagination! Such people also have tremendous faith. They can believe unbelievable things! Those of us who believe God made the universe have a simple faith by comparison. Simple faith is not, however, uninformed faith. The existence of the watch argues for the existence of the watchmaker. **The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.**

The third reason it is good, and it makes sense, for us to praise the Lord is that the glorious God who is deserving of our praise, who is worthy of our praise, seeks us. When it appears that something is too good to be true, it usually is. But not all the time. Not in this case. The magnificent God who created all things and is Himself perfect, invites us to be His people. He could have chosen angels instead. If we were Him, we might have. But He has chosen us.

God made us in the first place, and He earnestly desires to be involved in our lives. How can we know that? Because He says so, repeatedly and consistently, throughout Scriptures, as well as through His prophets down through the centuries. This is not a new idea with God; ever since He created the first human beings we've been the object of His love and attention.

In light of that, our only reasonable response can be, **Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.**

## Catholic Singles Group Meets At St. John's

The Agawam Catholic Singles Group includes adult singles who are divorced, separated, widowed, or never married. The group meets the second Thursday of every month at St. John's Parish Center, 823 Main Street, Agawam at 7:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be Thursday, December 9th, a Christmas meeting. Please join us.

There will be a potluck supper if you care to bring some goodies, and an optional gift exchange with a \$5 maximum.

For further information, contact Joann at 789-0774 or John at 786-2273.

**From Agawam Parish Association...**

## Gearing Up For Thanksgiving Day Dinner 1999

### Let Us Give Thanks For The Good News Of The Lord

The Agawam Parish Association is planning the second Agawam Community Thanksgiving Dinner, now known as the *Kathy Manley Memorial Thanksgiving Day Dinner*.

The dinner will be held on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1999, from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills (near Dunkin' Donuts).

At this event, the churches of the Agawam community will come together as one body in preparing and serving the meal. Volunteers will provide the work.

### Who Is This Dinner For?

This Thanksgiving Dinner is for anyone in the Agawam community who wants to be with their neighbors on this special day. In coming together, we seek to share not only food but also friendship with any who would be alone or who would like to join with others on this festive occasion.

Meals will be delivered to shut-ins, on-duty firefighters, police officers, and to those with family members in area hospitals. Transportation for those who need a ride to the dinner will be provided.

### How Did This Get Started?

In 1981, the West Springfield Parish Association began the tradition by serving 120 meals. By 1997, the event had grown to the point at which over 1,000 meals were served, including about 150 to Agawam residents.

Now we in Agawam wish to branch out from West Springfield's initiative and provide a similar service in our own community.

### What Is The Cost?

*We offer the meal without charge.* We rely solely on the contributions of money, food, and volunteer help. We ask that you consider this worthy cause, and we invite you to participate in any way possible.

Please make checks payable to: Agawam Parish Association, P.O. Box 267, Agawam, MA 01001.

Donations of food may be delivered to: Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030, tel. 786-5061 (Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon).

Volunteers may call Art Theobald, 789-4271, or Rev. Rob Donaldson, 786-5091 (fax 786-0694).

May God's blessing be with you this Thanksgiving.

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RT. REV. PAUL MOORE

## Retired Bishop To Speak In Spfld. On November 20th

The Rt. Rev. Paul Moore, former Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York, will speak at St. Peter's Church, 45 Buckingham Street in Springfield, on Saturday, November 20th, at 3:00 p.m.

Although it has been 10 years since he retired from his ministry as Bishop of New York, the publication two years ago of his book, *Presences: A Bishop's Life in the City*, provoked considerable discussion, and the imminent release of that book in paperback seems apt to continue that pattern.

Bishop Moore will offer his thoughts and comments on matters of common interest, especially about the Church, many of the changes which the past 40 or so years have seen, and some musings about the future.

Bishop Moore will also preside and preach at the Solemn Mass at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 21st, at St. Peter's.

For further information, please call St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 736-8567.

## Thanksgiving Service Slated For Nov. 21st

As a way of expressing community-wide thanks to God, churches affiliated with the Agawam Parish Association will sponsor a town-wide Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 21st, at 4:00 p.m.

To be held in the Youth Center of Bethany Assembly of God, 580 Main Street, Agawam, the one-hour service will feature the clergy from most of the town churches, music and singing led by musicians from Bethany, and an interpretive dance presentation by Crossroads Christian Fellowship.

Worshippers will be asked to list several thanksgivings on index cards provided, so that they can be read as an impromptu litany of praise.

An offering will be taken to support the town-wide Thanksgiving Meal to be served on Thanksgiving Day, and donations of non-perishable foods will be given to the Parish Cupboard/Open Pantry of Agawam-West Springfield.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

## “Sale Day” Slated For Dec. 1st At 1st Baptist’s Trading Post

Call your neighbors and friends and come to the Trading Post's "Sale Day" at First Baptist Church, 760 Main St., Agawam on Wednesday, December 1st from 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Upstairs, save 50 percent. Downstairs, save 20 percent. A \$4 Bag Sale will be held from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Fantastic buys will be offered on misses', juniors', and men's apparel, children's clothing, baby articles, shoes, boots, skates, household items, and knicknacks.

Please, no incoming items on sale day. We hope to see you all there!!

## Weekly Happenings At First Baptist Church In Agawam

"True Investment and True Dividends" will be the topic of Pastor Richard Barnes' morning message this Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. service of worship. The scriptural text will be taken from Matthew 25: 14-30.

Janice Lock will lead the responsive reading. Special Thanksgiving music will be offered by the choir.

A time of fellowship will be held in Davis Hall after worship. Classes are available for all ages following the social time.

As always, nursery care is provided.

At 4:00 p.m. this Sunday, Pastor Barnes will participate in a special ecumenical Thanksgiving service, held this year at Bethany Assembly of God.

All are invited to attend this meaningful service of thanksgiving.

On Thanksgiving Day, the Kathy Manley Memorial Thanksgiving Day Dinner, sponsored by the Agawam Parish Association, will be held from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street.

There is no charge for this dinner; everyone is invited to share in the fellowship of the day.

Coming up next week:

**Monday, November 22nd:** 7:30 p.m., Social Action Committee.

**Tuesday, November 23rd:** 10:00 a.m., Searchlights (home of Ethel Hutchinson); 7:00 p.m., Youth Group meets.

**Wednesday, November 24th:** 7:15 a.m., Mid-Week Prayer Group; Trading Post closed on this day.

**Thursday, November 25th:** Thanksgiving Day (office closed); 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m., Kathy Manley Memorial Thanksgiving Day Dinner.

Members and friends are reminded that donations for the Open Pantry may be left in the box in Davis Hall.

## St. John's Parish News And Notes

### COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Agawam Parish Association will again be preparing and serving a Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day.

Want to help? Call Art, 789-4271, or Carol, 786-1912.

It will be held at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church. All are welcome.

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Annual Bazaar is less than a month away (December 4th). Did you remember to drop off your raffle returns in the collection basket? Why not help make this year's fundraiser for the parish the best yet.

The committee is desperately in need of Attic Treasures, food for the Bountiful Basket, Useable Toys, and Jewelry and Jewelry Boxes.

The Plant Booth will be taking order for cemetery logs. They will be on display in the Parish Center foyer after the Masses next weekend. Orders can be placed with Angela Beaudry, 786-5408.

### THE GIVING TREE

Already it is time to start preparing for something that has become quite special for our parish family — the annual Giving Tree.

If you know of any needy family, please get the name to Sr. Mary Clare, our Pastoral Minister, 786-4499.

### SOMETHING NEW THIS YEAR—

### A THREE KINGS PAGEANT AND PARTY

The Feast of the Epiphany will be January 2, 2000, and we want to make it something special. As the three kings came to revere the newborn King, so we pause to honor the Christ Child. To do this, we need interested people to plan and produce the event.

If you have any questions, call Annette Reynolds at 786-8105.

### RCIA

Would you like to become a Catholic, or at least look into the possibility? We will soon be starting the new program.

Inquiries are welcome. Call Sr. Mary Clare, 786-4499, or Father Howard, 786-8105.

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## Church News - continued...

## Weekly Listing Of Events &amp; Activities At Sacred Heart Church

## BAPTISM DURING SUNDAY MASS

Next Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church, we will celebrate a Baptism as a symbol that we welcome all new members into the family of God. We ask that you pray for this child and all children who will be baptized this month.

## ALTAR SERVERS

Altar servers meeting on Sunday, November 21st, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. in church. The session will walk you through some revised changes that will affect how you will be serving during Mass. Please be present.

## MONDAY EVENING MASS - 6:00 P.M.

Beginning with Monday, November 19th, I have scheduled an evening 6:00 p.m. Mass. This Mass will replace the 8:00 a.m. morning Mass. I pray that many, who might not be able to attend morning Mass due to home, work, or school conflicts, might be able to participate in an early evening Mass. May the Lord who is with us continue to draw us to Mass to hear His Word and to feast at His Table.

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Beginning Tuesday, November 23rd, we will gather once again in the parish church to reflect on the Scriptures for the four Sundays in Advent. Our gathering together will enable all to see a greater depth, broader horizon, and deeper richness to the Word of God. The sessions are Tuesday from 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Please see me as soon as possible so that I can share the readings with you. This sharing together is a way to make our Sunday readings more a part of our daily lives. Looking forward to seeing you each Tuesday after Mass. Fr. Ron.

## ATTENTION EIGHTH-GRADERS

There will be a children's liturgy for the second Sunday of Advent. Grade eight will be responsible for this liturgy. If you are interested in participating more fully in this liturgy by being a greeter, lector, usher, or gift bearer, please give your name and phone number to Mrs. Patterson. The Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. on December 5th.

## EUCHARISTIC SCHEDULE

Lord's Day: Saturday, 4:00 p.m.; Sunday, 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.

Weekday: 8:00 a.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday; 8:00 a.m., Thursday, Eucharistic Prayer Service; 8:00 a.m., Friday, Novena to the Sacred Heart.

Vigil of Holy Day: 6:00 p.m.

Holy Day: 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

## 'Holidays In The Park' This Saturday At Agawam Baptist

We hope you will stop at the Agawam Baptist Church on the corner of Main and Elm Sts. to visit our "Holidays in the Park" between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 20th.

You will find lots of goodies, including baked beans, all sorts of home-baked foods, candy, interesting crafts, holiday decorations, jewelry, and much more.

Yes, a tag sale, too! The children will be happy to see our ventriloquist, Sharon, with Willie.

Available also will be a box lunch to be enjoyed in our park while listening to music of the 1900s by Randy Spaulding at the piano, or you may enjoy your lunch at home if you prefer.

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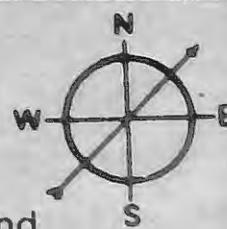
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## Calendar From Ag. Congregational

Thanksgiving Sunday, November 21st, is being celebrated at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, with a Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. and a sermon by Dr. Bascom about the Pilgrim heritage of the Congregational churches in America, "We Came This Way." This Sunday is also Blanket Dedication Sunday for the Blanket Appeal Program.

The third meeting of orientation for new members will happen at 12:00 noon in the Friendship Room, preparatory to joining on the first Sunday of Advent, November 28th. The session is led by the pastor and by various officers of the church.

Church School for seventh through 12th grade and Confirmation Classes meet at 9:00 a.m., with Crib Room through sixth grade meeting during the Worship Service.

This Sunday, November 21st, is Children's Communion (children pre-school through the sixth grade). After placing your canned goods on Sanctuary Table (for the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry), children will gather downstairs in the Worship Chapel for 10:30 a.m. Rev. Bascom will lead this special communion service.

Men are invited to join the Men's Prayer Time, which meets at 7:45 each Tuesday morning.

We read from the devotional guide "Upper Room" for meditation and discussion, with time for coffee and fellowship.

In lieu of the Adult Bible Study Group meeting during the months of November and December, there will be an Advent Series held beginning Sunday, November 28th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Friendship Room. There will be light refreshments served following the session.

Questions? Contact Gerry Desroches or the church office.

Join us on the four Sundays in Advent as we journey together to celebrate the birth of our Savior. The first session will be led by Rev. Eric W. Bascom.

The Community Thanksgiving Day Service will be held Sunday, November 21st, at 4:00 p.m. at Bethany Assembly of God Church in their Youth Chapel.

A Thanksgiving Dinner will be held at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 25th) from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

This is a **free dinner** open to anyone, families included. Meals will also be delivered to your home!

This is your last chance to order your 12-inch, double-faced Christmas wreath with a bright red bow (priced at only \$10) and help our Youth Groups with their annual fundraiser at the same time.

Orders are being taken each Sunday through November 21st at the coffee hour following the Worship Service. Pick-up date is Sunday, November 28th, at the coffee hour held in Bryan Hall.

Rev. Eric Bascom's book, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Pulpit," is now on sale.

The \$10 book may be purchased at the church office.

For more information concerning any of our events, please call the church office at 786-7111.

**EARLY DEADLINE: The deadline for ALL articles, ads, etc., for our Thanksgiving week edition is Sunday, November 21st, at 12:00 noon.**

## News & Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday morning service of worship begins at 10:00 a.m. and will be followed this week by a special meeting.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon is entitled "A Thanksgiving Carol." The Bible reading this week will be Matthew 25:31-46. Ushers will be Tom and Chris Chapman. Rich Rozanski and Andy Kretschmar will be our acolytes.

Sunday School students, who are invited to attend worship with adults, will leave at a designated time for their lessons. Nursery care will be provided for the very young. Evelyn Nodland will be our Coffee Hour hostess.

There will be a Special Meeting called by the Board of Trustees on Sunday, November 21st, immediately following worship.

Thank-you to all who worked with the Ladies Benevolent Society and made the chicken pie supper such a scrumptious success.

Don't forget; Friday, November 19th, will be Movie Night. Where else but here could you watch a movie for free in the company of friends?

Plans are in the works for another Community Thanksgiving Dinner here at this church. If you are interested in helping the Agawam Parish Association, please call Carol Treganowan at 786-1912 for further details.

The Agawam Parish Association will hold its monthly breakfast meeting here on Saturday, November 20th, at 8:15 a.m.

Members are invited by the Agawam Parish Association to a town-wide Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 21st, at 4:00 p.m. The service, to be held at the Youth Center of Bethany Assembly of God, will feature clergy from many town churches, music, and interpretive dance.

An offering will be taken to support the Thanksgiving Meal sponsored by the Parish Association.

To all those who are supporting the Gift & Promise special campaign, please remember your pledge on Sunday, November 28th.

On the calendar:

**Friday, November 19th:** 7:00 p.m., Movie Night.  
**Saturday, November 20th:** 8:15 a.m., Agawam Parish breakfast meeting; 11:00 a.m., Daisy Scout Investiture.

**Sunday, November 21st:** 10:00 a.m., Thanksgiving Sunday followed by special meeting; 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., Church of Redemption; 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Cub Scouts pack meeting; 4:00 p.m., Ecumenical service at Bethany.

**Monday, November 22nd:** 4:00 p.m., Daisy Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts; 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Church of Redemption.

**Tuesday, November 23rd:** 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Church of Redemption.

**Wednesday, November 24th:** Prep for Thanksgiving Dinner; 2:45 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Choir.

**Thursday, November 25th:** 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m., Community Thanksgiving Dinner; 7:00 p.m., A.A.

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## Spotlight On Business

### Agawam Beautification Committee Salutes Riverside Park

On November 10th, at the site of the new pedestrian bridge across Rt. 159, the Agawam Beautification Committee presented a citation to Riverside's General Manager, Timothy Black.

The citation acknowledges Riverside's various beautification efforts, and most especially, the esthetic design specifications of the new pedestrian bridge completed this year. The new bridge also includes a large sign welcoming visitors entering our town via the southern gateway.

In making the presentation on behalf of the Committee, Councilman George Bitzas remarked that the new owners of Riverside have made many efforts to be a good neighbor.

He said, "Not only has Riverside worked cooperatively with the town to relieve the traffic problems precipitated by their growth, but they have been very responsive to the recommendations of our Committee and have assumed the burden and added expense to create an attractive structure at a major entrance to our town."

Committee member John Zebryk added, "Riverside has also been the 'adopter' of the planter at the Rocky's gateway entrance and we are now working with them on future plans to enhance the landscaping from the new bridge to the southern boundary of their property near the Connecticut state line."

### Top Agents Named By Keenan & Molta Assoc.

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IN TOP PHOTO: The new pedestrian bridge with its welcoming sign. IN PHOTO BELOW: Deborah Dachos, John Zebryk, Zoafia Demko, Richard Bellico, Timothy Black (Riverside's General Manager), Agawam Town Councilor George Bitzas, Helen Krupczek, Helen Laurenchuk, and Nancy Rosner. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



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Be ready, for the Son  
of Man is coming at  
an hour you do not  
expect. — Mt. 24:44

A teacher told his class that he would be going away for several weeks, and he offered to give a prize to the student whose desk he found in the best order when he came back. But he didn't tell them what day he would return.

Because the prize was big, each child was determined to get it, including a little girl whose desk was normally quite messy. Her classmates jeered, "Mary, you'll never win. Your desk is never neat."

"Oh, I plan to clean it the first of every week from now on."

"But," someone said, "suppose he comes at the end of the week?"

"Then I'll clean it every morning."

"But," another classmate persisted,

"He may come at the end of the day."

For a moment the child was silent in thought. Then she said decidedly, "I know what I'll do. I'll just keep it clean!"

If we want to receive our Lord's approval at His return, we must always be ready. Jesus did not tell us to "get ready," but rather to "be ready" (Mt. 24:44). We are to live constantly in a state of spiritual preparedness, anticipating the moment when He will appear and ask us to give account of our stewardship.

Are you ready for His return? — Henry G. Bosch

If you could know that Jesus would appear  
Before another morn should give its light,  
Oh, would your heart be filled with joy or fear,  
If you could know that He would come tonight? — Howard

JESUS COULD COME AT ANY TIME—  
SO BE READY ALL THE TIME!

## Spotlight On Business - continued...



**COMMON SENSE**  
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**Easy Investment Tips!**

Here are a few points to remember during these volatile days of the stock market...

**Diversify.** You are less likely to react emotionally if a part of your portfolio holds steady when another sector takes a big hit. Be certain to carefully view your investment portfolio as a whole when you make buy and sell decisions.

**Evaluate each investment** on its current potential for future loss and future gain — not on the price you originally paid for it. Ask: Would I buy this today at this price? If not, you may not want to own it any longer.

**Monitor your investments less frequently.** If you check every day, there is the urge to react every day — a disaster for most nonprofessional investors.

**Use dollar cost averaging** to invest a set amount regularly in a mutual fund or stocks. This spares you the pressure and risks involved in making many decisions.

**Force yourself to make the smart buy or sell decisions.** Key: Imagining that you are starting from ground zero rather than from a status quo.

**Factor in an "overconfidence discount"** when you are projecting the potential success of your investment decision. Take 25 percent off your most optimistic forecast — and add 25 percent to your doomsday scenario. If the trade-off between potential risk and reward seems worth it, go ahead. Walk away if it isn't.

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Barbara Blake Clark, a specialist in residential real estate who has been affiliated with COLDWELL BANKER KEENAN & MOLTA ASSOCIATES for just over a year, has been named "Top Sales Associate" for October.

"This award is based on a combination of top sales, high professional standards, and outstanding service to clients during the month," explained Cheryl Mellis, manager of the company's Longmeadow office (which Clark works out of). "Barbara has exceeded our expectations and is servicing her clients with the highest level of support."

Clark is a long-time resident of Longmeadow, graduated from Lasell College in Boston with a degree in marketing, and is on the board of directors of the Jewish Community Center in Longmeadow.

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## Spotlight On Business - continued...

**Timely Tips On How To Manage Your Finances**

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**Investment Planning In A Hot Market**

History tells us we may be experiencing the economy of a lifetime. And despite occasional dips in the stock market or changes in key economic indicators, who can argue? While the same conventional wisdom holds that these days cannot last forever, it is difficult at the moment to point to significant economic threats on the horizon.

How, then, is one supposed to engage in responsible investment planning in such a heady economic climate? Quite simply by acknowledging that investment planning, like all financial planning, is a process, not a one-time event, and that the process works best when its fundamentals are respected. As counter-intuitive as it may initially sound, trying to profit from temporary highs in the market rarely is fundamental to the process.

Let's take a look at the investment process. Investment planning is a means, not the end. It is a way to achieve your financial planning goals and generally is not a goal in and of itself. People invest — and assume the various forms of risk inherent in any investment decision — because they want their money to be preserved or grow to enable them to do something in the future.

Thus, a fundamental aspect of the financial planning process is goal-setting. You've likely thought about your own financial goals — an emergency cash reserve, your own business, a

vacation, a second home, or early retirement. Whatever your goal, investment planning is the process that gets you there.

In order for the process to work well, goals must be quantified. It is much easier to engage in the investment process if you say, "My partner and I want to retire in 20 years with an annual income of \$50,000 per year in today's dollars," than if you say, "My partner and I want to continue our current standard of living when we retire."

As the last example indicates, each goals' timeframe also plays a critical role in investment planning. The investment strategies appropriate for the couple above likely would be very different if their retirement goal was 10 years away instead of 20.

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In addition to goals and timeframes, assessing your tolerance for risk is critical. Strategies that are at odds with your tolerance for risk have no place in your investment planning. You may find that your current assets and future investments will not enable you to meet your financial goals

within your timeframe. However, in such a case you will need to determine whether you adjust the dollar amounts in your goals, the timeframe for reaching them, or the investment risk you are willing to accept.

Another component of investing is diversification. Proper diversification can help your portfolio stay on track while remaining within your risk tolerance. For average investors, this usually means mutual funds.

Where in this review of investment planning did hot tips and killer stocks fit in? Nowhere. That's because hot stocks only belong in your portfolio if they are consistent with your goals, timeframes, and risk tolerance.

If you're investing for the long-term, such as for retirement, your portfolio should be structured to take advantage of both current and future market environments. A knowledgeable financial advisor can help you develop a comprehensive investment plan that's right for you. She or he can help you keep your eye on the real prize: achieving your short- and long-term financial goals.

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## Spotlight On Business - continued...

Representing A New Partnership...

### Hampden Insurance Agency, Inc., Ready For Area Customers

In announcing their new partnership which will allow consumers to purchase low cost Home, Auto, or Small Business insurance at any Hampden Savings Bank office, Thomas Burton, president of Hampden Savings Bank and U. Francis Florian, president and C.E.O. of New England Fidelity Insurance Company, jointly declared that, "For insurance consumers, the New Millennium is here!"

The new partnership, called Hampden Insurance Agency, Inc., represents the first opportunity insurance consumers have to take advantage of recent legislation which allows banks to sell insurance products.

"In the financial services world, it is the dawn of a whole new era," suggested Burton. "The walls have come down and we are now able to offer consumers additional low-cost financial services, like insurance, with the added benefit of the convenience and security of dealing with the bank they trust."

Burton described the partnership with New England Fidelity Insurance Company as a further "plus" for area consumers. "NEF is a locally based institution whose owners and employees are our friends and neighbors. When we went looking for a partner, we wanted someone who was going to move quickly to help us bring these low cost products to our customers and who was going to be extremely customer friendly and responsive. NEF met and exceeded all of our requirements."

"We have extensive experience working with large financial institutions like Hampden Savings Bank," noted Florian. "So we were able to step up to the plate quickly and help them bring the potential of insurance savings to their customers. Through Hampden Insurance Agency, consumers will be able to take advantage of a Free Insurance Check-Up, where we will make recommendations on improved protection and point out areas where they are entitled to discounts. On auto insurance alone, we can offer a potential savings of up to 16 percent over what the consumers may be paying now. With Hampden Insurance Agency, we even put together a package that will offer road hazard protection to consumers."

Hampden Savings Bank and New England Fidelity Insurance Company celebrated the Grand Opening of their new partnership on November 4th with a reception at their Allen Street office in Springfield.

Consumers do not have to be a customer of the Bank to benefit from the low cost insurance products offered through its agency, Hampden Insurance Agency, Inc.

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THOMAS BURTON (left), president of Hampden Savings Bank, and U. Francis Florian (right), president and C.E.O. of New England Fidelity Insurance Company, announce their new partnership — Hampden Insurance Agency, Inc.

### Fitness First Donates \$\$\$ To Women's Shelter



FITNESS FIRST in Feeding Hills recently donated a check for \$1,500 to the New Beginnings Women's Shelter in Westfield in memory of the club's Aquatic Director, Vicki Sleeper. Vicki was a victim of domestic violence on September 6, 1993. Since 1993, Fitness First had held a golf tournament in Vicki's memory and has donated each year to women's shelters. The Westfield shelter has been the recipient of over \$7,000 since the tournament's inception. Such items as clothes washers and dryers have been purchased from the money Fitness First has donated. This year, the Fitness First "Young at Heart" group (which Vicki founded) added a bake sale to the tournament and raffle. IN PHOTO ABOVE: Denise Moffatt (left), Marketing Director for Fitness First, presents the check to Rosie from New Beginnings. Photo courtesy of Fitness First.

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## 'Let's Talk About It'

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### Getting In The Way Of Ourselves

A client began her session describing to me her week and specifically that day as, "I just can't seem to get out of my own way. I just keep bumping into myself."

She went on describing the details surrounding her day. I wondered out loud about what all this bumping into herself was teaching her. At first she chuckled. Then she began to laugh. She suddenly realized that all this bumping into herself was exactly what she had been both carefully avoiding and desiring at the same time.

She, like many of us, bump up against one of life's paradoxes, namely, in running away from ourselves we often find ourselves. I would add that if and when we run away from and then face important (family) relationships, we can also bump into our most authentic-self.

This is not to suggest that we can only face our "self" through the process of running away. No, I believe in the struggle to directly face into the questions: Who am I? Who do I want to become? Who do people say that I am? These and other such important questions are leading us into discovering our most authentic-self.

This same client, near the conclusion of the session, asked me, "What do I do now? Now that I realize who it is I no longer want to be and who it is I want to become?" I believe when a person comes to these very mature questions in their life, they are probably ready to regularly begin bumping

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into themselves.

I responded by reflecting back to her my perception that she seemed to be able to see more clearly the importance of **not** dismissing all this "bumping into" as something to avoid and/or as something bad. In fact, she went on to rather humorously identify (or as I would say, **name**) some important things she recently "bumped into" about either the direction she wanted or didn't want to take in her life.

Bumping into our "self" can be very enlightening. The author of **PASSIONATE MARRIAGE**, David Schnarch, encourages us to be careful about getting our sense of self reflected back to us from others. He calls this way of knowing yourself as your "reflected sense-of-self." I think he captures the real need to gain our own sense of self from bumping into ourselves. This way of relationship will promote real possibilities of mature intimacy.

I think bumping into your "self" can be a very intimate, very challenging, even frightening experience. **How we live into caring for self, other, and God can make all the difference as to whether or not we can bump into another person able to freely offer our most authentic-self without needing to take their "self" from them in order to gain a "self" for ourselves.**

Thanks go out for one of this week's e-mail responses to the question, "Am I speaking a foreign language to you?" that I posed at the end of last week's column: "Yes, it is foreign, but familiar. I have a different language and way of understanding how family relationships work. Please keep touching us your way."

Please continue to e-mail (AOL screen name: dpmft449), telephone, or write me with your feedback, relationship questions, and topics and "Let's Talk about it."

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## Your Back And Your Health

by Dr. Joseph S. Schlaffer  
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### Migraine Headaches

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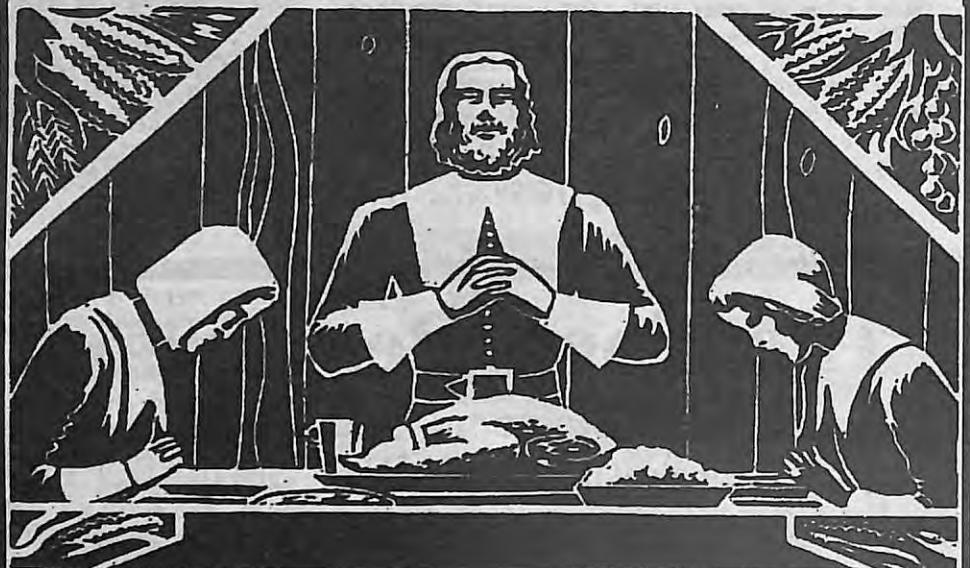
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**Taking Care Of Your Feet**

We've recently talked about feet. When feet are causing pain, it can be quite a disabling situation. Whenever there is weight placed upon the feet, it increases the pain. Unfortunately, most of us don't have the luxury to "stay off our feet" to rest them.

• Elevating the legs at night can help decrease the heavy feeling in the legs and feet. Try to place your legs up against a wall for 15-20 minutes.

• Rolling a ball under the feet can help stretch tight muscles in that area and relax them while watching TV or reading. Take a golf or tennis ball and roll it back and forth with your foot.

• Try to roll up a towel using your toes. This utilizes the muscles in the feet and strengthens the area.

• A foot bath helps to soothe tired and aching feet. If you've been standing on your feet all day, a bath can help relax the tight musculature.

• Massage to the feet can help stretch tight muscles, promote circulation, and stimulate those tired feet. You can do this yourself or, better yet, have someone do it for you!

Interesting to note, there are many bones in the foot. Occasionally, a bone can get "stuck" and not have proper motion. An adjustment in the foot can help restore the restriction. It's amazing how one little problem can affect the body. I once had a woman come into the office for a routine adjustment.

I adjusted her feet that day. The next month she came in stating she didn't know what I did, but her hip pain was gone! Her hip was bothering her so much she thought she was going to have to have surgery. After I worked on her feet, the hip pain was gone.

It's truly amazing how the body functions and if one part doesn't function properly, how it can affect another. Feet are often overlooked. They are so important to the whole body, but we don't take care of them properly. Good shoes are a must. It's important to invest in quality.

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**Fitness  
Tips...**  
by  
Carmela Kirk, R.N.  
Fitness Director  
Fitness First

**How To Choose A Health Club**

Choosing a health club can be confusing. There are a ton of different factors you want to explore before deciding on one.

You want a fitness facility that is safe, effective, and fun. It should also be close to where you work or live, so you are more apt to go. Sometimes it is overwhelming with a sales person telling you what is important without really taking the time to decide what is important to you.

A combination of the staff, the environment, the programs, and the members together compose your ideal facility. Before signing up at a club, be sure to tour the facility during the hours you plan on using it. Then sit down with someone and ask specific, knowledgeable, important questions, and be sure you like the answers.

When you arrive, notice a few things. Are all staff members friendly and helpful? Is the club clean and is the equipment properly maintained? How is the parking? Is the club conveniently located? Are you comfortable with the members at the facility? What is your overall feeling of the place? Look around and take your time. Think of this as an investment in your future health and well-being.

Go to your appointment with a few questions in mind. Is the staff certified? Is there always one person on that is CPR certified? What comes with your membership? Is there an orientation or does someone show you the equipment? Is personal training available if you choose to use it? How are the classes? You may want to speak to a few members briefly and hear what they have to say. Is there someone around for when you do have questions? What are the class schedules that you'd be interested in? Is there a nursery for your children? Who is it staffed by?

Be well informed about the club you are choosing. Be sure the club meets your fitness, social, and safety needs. Feel good about joining and be excited. It is a great investment of money, time, and energy if you use it and enjoy it.

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On the second and last Wednesdays of each month, Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services offers this group for those who are caring for someone with a life-threatening illness. Hospice families, staff, and community members are invited to participate.

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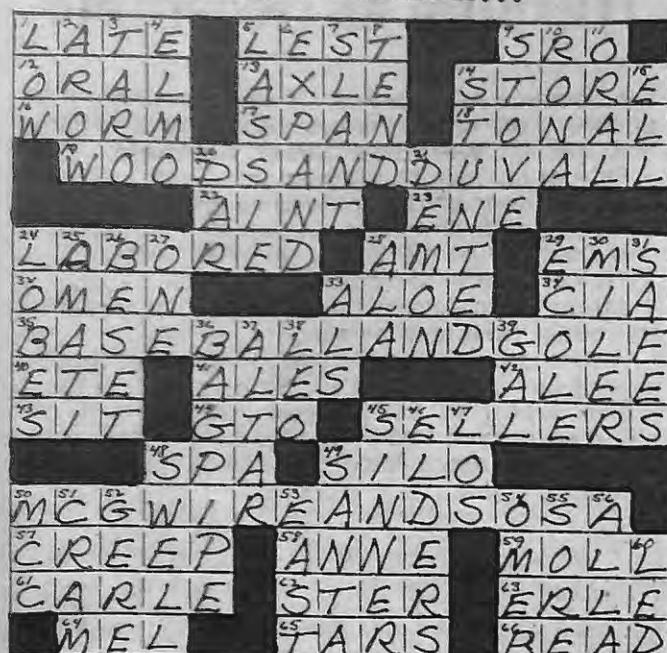
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## Arts

Last Week's Solution...



## Bah, Humbug, Another Scrooge At The Red Door Theatre

"Tis the season to be jolly and to see the umpteenth version of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" for the umpteenth time.

The "Sticks-Upon-Thump Theatre Company," not to be outdone, will attempt to put on their 15th Annual Farewell Tour version of "Scrooge: A Traveling Travesty in 2 Acts" at The Red Door Theatre, 152 S. Westfield St. in Feeding Hills, MA, December 3rd-5th.

The troupe, whittled down to seven members, makes a brave attempt to cover the 39 roles, but when their lead actress, Mrs. Bettina Salisbury, decides to call in sick, the show becomes a shambles.

However, they carry on with understudy Cynthia Imbry until Mrs. Salisbury decides to rejoin the show midway, throwing all into even more confusion.

This hysterical and irreverent version of the beloved Christmas classic is written by Mark Lansdon Smith, the same playwright who wrote The Hilltop Players' spring production, "An Evening of Culture."

Returning for this production are Hilltop veterans Marilene Allen as Grand Dame Bettina Salisbury, Darcy Banks as Dame Rowena Middleton-Lewis, Scott Belisle as Teddy Shub, Wendy Birchall as the understudy, Cynthia, and Lyle Parsons as Elyot Crummels.

Making his Red Door Theatre debut is Gene de Jongh as Sir Selsdon Piddock, who plays Scrooge. Rounding out the cast in the role of Mrs. Cordelia, ffoliet-ffolkes ffortescue (not a typo) Woods is Margie Secora, who will also direct.

"Scrooge..." will run December 3rd and 4th at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 5th at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children and seniors. Tickets are going fast, so call (413) 789-2026 early for reservations.

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"First Friday" Series...

## Travel Program By Area Art Instructor At Agawam Library

The Agawam Cultural Council's "First Friday" series program on December 3rd at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library will be Charles Hayward.

Hayward is an area artist and former art instructor, and presently is travel coordinator with his wife, Irene, at the Springfield Fine Arts Museum.

He was instructed at an early age in the arts at the Quadrangle children's classes. For many years, he has been involved in teaching the arts in the various mediums at the museum and at Bay Path.

He presently is involved with the travel programs for the museum, and stated this is one of the most active of museum travel programs in the country. They have approximately 36 programs per year; two-thirds of them are day trips in this country, and one-third are trips overseas.

Hayward stated he enjoys traveling to the fascinating countries and especially the historic areas and museums when possible. His program at the library will include slides of his travels.

The "First Friday" series is offered at no charge and is open to the public, and is presented by the Agawam Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

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At Agawam Public Library...

## Work Of Artist Mary Stepanian On Display In December

The Agawam Public Library is pleased to present the work of local artist Mary Stepanian in the gallery of the library for the month of December.

Stepanian is a 15-year resident of Feeding Hills. Primarily self-taught, she has also taken instruction from the late Arno Maris at Westfield State College and from Holyoke artist Shirley Burke.

A member of the Springfield Art League, her work has appeared in their annual exhibit.

Stepanian paints mainly in watercolor and mixed media, with a wide range of subject matter. She also does decorative and mural work on commission.

The gallery hours for viewing the artwork are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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## STAGE Ends Its 10th Season With A ‘Monstrous’ Hit

STAGE closed its 10th anniversary season with a monstrous hit, "Frankenstein - the Monstercal." The original musical, with book and music by co-producer Lyle Pearson, recently played to sold-out audiences. The 26-member cast (made up of area young people) was greeted with standing ovations for their four performances at The Red Door Theatre.

The play, though loosely based on the *Frankenstein* novel, is the brainchild of Suffield resident Pearson, who (along with co-producer Margie Secora of Southwick) have written over half of the 70 productions STAGE has produced.

"Frankenstein" marks their first musical collaboration, and judging from the enthusiastic response it received, it will not be their last. Secora, who arranged the music from Pearson's melodies and lyrics, was ably assisted by her daughter, Marcy, who orchestrated the songs on synthesizer. Marcy, who is a senior majoring in Theatre Arts at UMass, is a veteran of many Red Door productions and was a STAGE drama counselor for many years.

The play depicts the Monster as a normal "baby" boy, while the rest of the villagers are featured as scarred, deformed monsters. The theme of prejudice and segregation runs through the show and is highlighted in such musical numbers as "You Can't Judge A Book By Its Cover," "Monsters Need To Be Loved, Too," and "Community On Parade." The line becomes blurred between who is the real monster and who is not when Frankenstein notes in a poignant monologue, "As the blind man sees, I should be known by my actions."

The Monster, played by Frankie Roda of Agawam, brought quiet sensitivity to the role, while his sidekicks — Egad (Jodie Putnam of Southwick) and Ecollette (Dana Allen of Agawam) — provided some hilarious moments trying to thwart the evil doings of Dr. Frankenstein (played by Pearson).

The end of the show brings villagers and monsters (after all, there is a Bride of Frankenstein) together in a unified effort to capture the Doc. The final number points out the need for all of us to be more accepting of each other's differences and "not to judge a book by its cover."

Though STAGE will not present another children's play before the new year, The Red Door Theatre will produce The Hilltop Players' family theatre production of "Scrooge - A Traveling Tragedy In 2 Acts" on December 3rd, 4th, and 5th. For ticket information, call (413) 789-2026.

On Nov. 30th At Agawam Library...

## Meeting For Mother-Daughter Book Discussion Group

On Tuesday, November 30th, at 7:00 p.m., the Agawam Public Library will host an informational meeting to discuss organizing a Mother-Daughter Book Discussion Group to begin in January 2000.

Daughters in grades four through eight and mothers of all ages are invited to attend.

For further information, please call Cynthia Suter at 789-1550.

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## “Once Upon A Mattress” At AHS...



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THE CAST LIFTS UP a hopeful Prince (Neil Butler) during the song *We Have An Opening For a Princess* in AHS's "Once Upon A Mattress." Directed by Margie Secora and Lyle Pearson, the 46-member Jazz Choir will present the Broadway hit this weekend only. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students.

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## Education

# Dennis Moran Enjoying New Job As Guidance Counselor At The Jr. High

by Kathy Shepard  
Feature Editor

Dennis Moran has been teaching at Agawam Junior High School for many years, but just before school opened this fall, he accepted the position of guidance counselor for the seventh grade. Moran has actually been teaching English for a total of 33 years and finds that his new post is different from teaching.

"Some days are very quiet, and sometimes there are emergencies arising at the drop of a hat. It's very different from the classroom. I like the variety and have been getting to know the kids more personally. I hear about their pets, their families, and whatever they need to discuss. In the classroom, I felt that I got to know the students, but in this job, it's more in-depth."

"During my cafeteria duty or at school dances, there can be time to talk and to get to know them better. One student has been coming over to talk about his Pokemon collection. Some of these are 'hot card collection items.' They are holographs, with different series and models. If a kid says that one of them is worth a high price, I ask what fixes the price of these things. Who sets the price?"

After graduating from Westfield State College, Moran taught at Kirby School in Chicopee, a self-contained eighth grade with art and English. Moran taught all other topics. He then went to Agawam to teach English and at different times, he taught seventh, eighth, and ninth grades. His first post was at the Agawam Junior High School (now the Agawam Middle School) on Main Street.

Moran started teaching at the Agawam Junior High School on Springfield Street in 1987. He started taking graduate courses at Westfield State in guidance and psychology, eventually earning a master's in education, with certification in school counseling, school psychology, and administration. He also obtained separate certification for guidance directing.

"I always liked the idea of guidance. I enjoy getting to know people, so this job seems like a perfect fit for me," Moran said. When Frank Meagher left the Junior High School to become guidance director of Agawam High School, the opening seemed right for Moran.

"I'm enjoying the challenges of this new job, for sure. I'm really lucky to be working with Jean Trinque (the eighth grade counselor) and Paula Montagne, our guidance secretary." Moran counsels the current seventh grade and will stay with them through their year in eighth grade. Jean Trinque starts the cycle over again with next year's seventh graders.

"The staff and administration here have been really supportive. They all seem genuinely happy that I'm in this position," Moran continued, "and I think the kids are, in general, getting to know me."

When asked to name an important quality helpful in counseling, he replied, "You have to be genuinely interested in people and you have to be a perceptive listener. Being quiet at the right time might help the speaker to expand on something that is important, or is a sensitive area. They might not open up and talk about it until some other time, maybe."

"You think you understand someone else's job until you actually do it. This is very different from teaching," Moran concluded.

Moran and his wife, Catherine, have been married 33 years and have three sons, Kevin, Brian, and Conor.

Moran is a director of the Agawam Federal Credit Union, a member of the Board of Selectmen in Russell, and a member of the Sons of Erin in Westfield. It's safe to say he's Irish. Because of his ability to put others at ease, his interest in people, a subtle sense of humor, and a strong educational background, he seems well-suited for the position of counselor.



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**From The  
AHS Guidance  
Office...**

**by Judy Cohen**  
Agawam High School  
Guidance Counselor

**Sticks & Stones Will Break My  
Bones, But Names Will Never Hurt Me**

Remember this chant? We said it, but did we believe it? No! Names did hurt us. And they are continuing to hurt victims of bullying today. Just who are these victims and what can be done to help them?

Usually, the typical victim is physically weaker than his peers and is quiet, sensitive, shy, cautious, and often withdrawn. Many times, he will feel that he cannot control his environment, blames himself for his problems, has low self-esteem, and has poor interpersonal skills. Many times, he is immature, has overprotective parents, and has not learned how to fend for himself. Clearly, he does not portray a threat to his attacker. As a matter of fact, he looks like easy prey.

As an outsider, it is hard to find out who the victim is since, invariably, he is embarrassed to come forward or feels, because of his low self-esteem, that the bullying is warranted. Once the victim is identified, how can he be helped? It is important to encourage peer involvement.

Once he has friends, he will no longer be such an easy target. Tell the victim that he should try to ignore the bully. When this is impossible, move away from the bully, tell him to stop, and do seek out the advice and help from an adult. Do not tell your child to fight back. You will just be reinforcing negative aggressive behavior. Do try to get your child to talk about the bullying. Make certain your child knows that he is o.k.; he is not a bad person; he is not deserving of the abuse. Stress his positive attributes.

Encourage your child to get involved in school activities. Many victims are loners; once they become involved, their victimization ceases. Help your child develop his talents. Praise him. Go to some functions in which he is involved. If your child is experiencing bouts of depression, if he is feeling really blue, do seek out the advice of a trained professional counselor.

Once your child feels better about himself, the insults will not bother him. He will feel good about himself and not buy into the negative barbs that are thrown his way. He will feel good about himself and not buy into the negative barbs that are thrown his way. When the bully no longer receives attention, the bullying will stop. The victim will no longer be considered easy prey. His aura of self-confidence will shine through and discourage the bully.

Each child has the right to embrace his life and to lead it in a safe environment where he can securely spread his wings, explore, and grow. If the safe environment is sullied by the actions of a bully, the bully should be identified and stopped. Therefore, encourage your child to share any mistreatment with you. This is not a sign of tattling. Actually, he is helping himself and other students who may be victims, too. Moreover, he is helping the bully by having his misbehavior identified and, hopefully, positively changed.

*At Stonehill College...*

**Geoffrey Biebel Named  
A Student Admissions  
Rep./Tour Guide**

Geoffrey Biebel of Blacksmith Road, Feeding Hills, has been selected by the Stonehill College Admissions Office to serve as a Student Admissions Representative/Tour Guide for the 1999-2000 academic year.

Selected students serve as ambassadors for the campus and provide academic, extracurricular, and social information to prospective students and their families. Stonehill College Tour Guides are chosen through a highly selective and competitive process and undergo a comprehensive training program. These students also serve as representatives for other on- and off-campus events.

Biebel, a junior at Stonehill, is majoring in criminal justice. He is the son of William and Diane Biebel of Feeding Hills.

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## GRADE 6

Anastasia Aversa, Anthony Bailey, Angelina Barbarisi, William Barker III, Thomas Barnes, Justin Belden, Alexandra Bertagnolli, Crystal Bianco, Michael Blanchard, Christopher Blanchette, Kaitlyn Bonneville, Christina Borgatti, Zachary Bruneau, Sarah Bulmer, Brian Burke, Emily Cassidy, Bryant Cesar, Justin Chretien, Daniel Cirillo, Nicole Cirillo, Siearra Close, Sharrice Colburn, Keeley Conte, Brian Costello, Laura Cote.

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## GRADE 7

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## GRADE 8

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At UMass Medical School In Worcester...

## Kimberly Macey Spangenberg Receives \$75,000 Fellowship

Kimberly Macey Spangenberg has been awarded a \$75,000 Research Fellowship from the National Science Foundation.

Currently enrolled at the University of Massachusetts Medical School on Worcester, Spangenberg is in the second year of graduate studies in a PhD program in Cell Biology. She is also working in the UMass lab for tissue engineering.

One of 4,800 applicants, she is the first graduate student in the school of Bio-Medical Sciences to receive such an award.

A 1992 graduate of Agawam High School, Spangenberg graduated from Stonehill College in Easton, MA, in 1996. She is the daughter of Lynn Macey of Greenfield and Wayne Macey of Agawam.

Spangenberg resides in Grafton, MA, with her husband, Tony.

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From AHS Guidance Department...

## New Appointment Information For Grads

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Graduates are asked to call the guidance office at 821-0527 between 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. in order to schedule their appointments in advance.

Upon arrival at the High School, please park in the visitors' parking spaces located in the front parking lot. All visitors must sign in with Mrs. Linda Scheve in the front office, where they will receive a visitor's pass. Graduates without a visitor's pass cannot be seen in guidance.

Accommodations can be made with the Principal's permission for earlier appointments if a unique hardship exists in regards to these late afternoon appointments. Please call Mrs. Scheve at 821-0530 if you require an earlier appointment.

As in the past, requests for Official Transcripts and Recommendations may be made by phone and will be mailed directly to the college if an up-to-date "Release of Records" form is on file in the Guidance Department.

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*Slated For Friday, December 3rd...*

## “Charity Auction” Sponsored By Agawam Middle School

The Agawam Middle School Charity Auction will take place on Friday, December 3rd, at the Agawam Polish American Club on Route 57 in Feeding Hills.

The preview begins at 6:00 p.m., and the bidding will commence at 7:00 p.m.

The admission is a \$3 donation per family, and tickets will be sold at the door. The auctioneer will be Mr. Joe Rossi.

The auction will feature team autographed sports memorabilia from the Bruins, Flyers, Devils, Rangers, Falcons, Boston Celtics, Yogi Berra, and Bobby Orr, plus a whole lot more.

In addition, there will be a wide array of items to bid on, including limo service, college for kids, a Fitness First membership, restaurants, hair salons, savings bonds, Symphony Orchestra tickets, hotel stays, Bright Nights, and so much more.

This will be a very exciting evening, so please come out to support the local Middle School. The timing for this event is perfect, as the items from this auction will make great gifts for the holidays.

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KEVIN FOLEY was recently recognized as the eighth-grade "Physical Education Student of the Month" at Agawam Junior High School. Advertiser News photo by Joan Lussier.

## For Newly-Restructured Technology Comm. Superintendent Frank Ameruoso Launches First Meeting

Superintendent of Schools Frank Ameruoso launched the first meeting recently of the newly-structured Technology Committee.

Membership on this committee consists of representation from all schools, technology liaisons, library/media personnel, administration, School Committee representative, and the business community.

The co-chairs of this committee are Deputy Superintendent Donald J. Charest and City and School Network Administrator Jeff Hulbert. The committee welcomed Jack Rioni, an Agawam resident and a principal in a computer systems company, and Kevin Sheehan, a Clark School parent as well as one of three owners of Environmental Compliance Service, which operates out of the Agawam Industrial Park. As taxpayers and business owners, their input is welcomed on this committee.

This initial meeting was a brainstorming session where all members expressed their area of interests and concerns. The co-chairs will be using those interests and concerns to develop future agendas.

The committee will also define the committee mission, striving to formally update the computer technology plan, and to develop attainable goals that will keep the School Department's academic and administrative technology needs current.

## Agawam's Future Voters...



AT GRANGER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, Miss Anne Liptak's first-graders learned about the voting process on Election Day (November 2nd). Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

## Financial Aid Night Slated For Dec. 7th At Agawam High School

FAFSA, Profile, EFC, SAR - if these terms are unfamiliar to you, then you are like most parents who are getting ready to send their first child off to college.

The FAFSA and the Profile are financial aid forms that must be used to obtain Federal, State, and institutional financial aid to help pay the ever-increasing cost of a college education.

The Guidance Department at the High School has scheduled a Financial Aid Night on Tuesday, December 7th to help you navigate the somewhat confusing world of financial aid. Even if you have filed for aid in the past, new rules and regulations are formulated every year and this presentation will be helpful to you in completing this year's forms.

Dr. Lee Sirois, chairman of the Financial Aid Department at AIC College, will be here to give you step-by-step assistance in understanding and completing these complex forms.

The Financial Aid Night will be held in the High School cafeteria on Tuesday, December 7th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. A brief question and answer period will follow Dr. Sirois' presentation.

Please add this important evening to your "Must Do" calendar.

## First-Term Report Cards Issued At Agawam High School

First-term report cards were issued at Agawam High School on Friday, November 12th.

If a parent or guardian has any questions concerning their child's report card, please call the Agawam High School Guidance Department at 821-0527.

## "Parents' Night" Slated At AHS On Tues., Nov. 23rd

Agawam High School will be holding "Parents' Night" on Tuesday, November 23, 1999, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

All parents/guardians are welcome.

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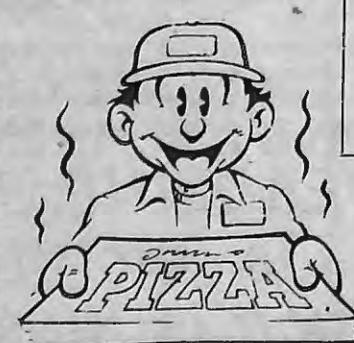
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# Sports

*Schoolboy Football Vs Cathedral...*

## Brownies Bruised By Tough Purple Panthers, 49-36

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

For the second week in a row, the Agawam High football team met the steel of the AA Conference and for the second week in a row, tasted defeat, this time 49-36 last Saturday afternoon to defending Super Bowl champion Cathedral. Much like their 54-8 loss to Central a week earlier, the Brownies were hit by an offensive broadside early on, that all but sunk their hopes for an upset victory and vaulted CHS back into the Super Bowl Game in December.

After Agawam scored on the first play of their first possession, a 61-yard pass and run from QB Brian St. Jean to Scott Harlin, the Panthers all but buried the Brownies, scoring on their next six possessions to ring up a 49-7 halftime lead.

### Three First-Half Fumbles

Agawam's fate wasn't helped by three first-half fumbles, all recovered by Cathedral (all leading to scores).

In the first 24 minutes, the Panthers would total 253 yards, 122 via the run and 131 in the air. Agawam, after the initial score, rung up just 92 in the half; 28 overland and 64 by the pass.

It was obvious Cathedral wasn't going to let the Agawam ground game get going. Dave Moore, who'd been averaging close to 100 yards a game, could manage only 44, plus a two-yard, fourth-quarter TD (bringing his season total to 10 rushing, plus one through the air) on nine carries.

The two featured guys for the Brownies were St. Jean and Harlin. St. Jean went 17-32 for 239 yards, four TDs, and an interception. Harlin caught those four TD tosses on 14 receptions totaling 208 yards. His 61-yard effort in the first half was his longest of the season. After the game, his season total for TD receptions would stand at seven.

Agawam began what was a semi-comeback on its first possession of the second half against the Panthers' second unit. With 2:29 gone, they had a first and 10 at the Cathedral 43. A couple runs by Moore (six yards) plus two receptions for Harlin (25 yards) and Agawam found itself at the Panthers' 15-yard line. St. Jean rolled out and found Harlin in the right corner of the enemy end zone. The senior made a leaping catch. The two-point conversion was good and Agawam, on an eight-play, 43-yard drive consuming 3:16 off the clock, had closed the gap to 49-15 with 6:15 left in the third quarter.

Agawam then tried an onside kick which was recovered by senior Vic Romano at the Cathedral 49-yard line and the Brownies were back in business. This time the locals used the running of Moore (2-22 yards) and a seven-yard reception by tight end Lou Conte to move the ball to Cathedral's 14. St. Jean then connected up with Harlin on a 14-yard scoring strike with 3:36 left in the third quarter. The two-point conversion saw the gap close to 49-23, Cathedral. The drive covered 49 yards on six plays in 2:39.

### Most Impressive March Of The Game

The Brownies' most impressive march of the game came in short order after a St. Jean pick at their own 15 on the Panthers' next possession. Ten plays and 85 yards later, Moore, on a second and goal at the two-yard line, took it over. The extra point failed, but Agawam had crept closer, 49-29, with 9:30 left in the final quarter.

Another Brownie onside kick failed to produce and the Panthers had the ball and their first team back in at the Agawam 49. The Brownie defense, showing further signs of life, forced Cathedral to go three and out. The Panthers' punt ended up at the Agawam 30-yard line.

However, former Agawam freshman football and basketball star Mike Martin, now the star junior QB for CHS, intercepted St. Jean at the Cathedral 25 and the leather went back to the Panthers at their 42-yard line with 7:07 left.

After Shawn Carpenter gained 13 to the Agawam 40, Martin (7-14, 141 yards, 4 TDs, 2 int.) had his ball intercepted by St. Jean (his second of the game) at the Agawam 20.

This time, the Brownies, helped by three catches for 40 yards to Harlin, and a seven-yard catch by Conte, found themselves with a third and nine on the Panthers' nine.

St. Jean dropped and fired a bullet to Harlin in the end zone, making it 49-36 with the extra point.

With 3:45 to go and only down by two TDs, the faithful sensed a glimmer of hope. Cathedral



AMONG THOSE WHO ATTENDED the friendship breakfast at Partner's Restaurant in Agawam (from left to right): Carl Supino, Bob Delisle, AHS varsity football Coach Tad Desautels, Agawam Athletic Director Kathy McSweeney, John Domaingue, Dr. Suzanne Marotta, AHS Principal Joe Zabielski, Jim Ballard, and Joe Dion.



MEMBERS OF THE Agawam High School and West Springfield football teams at the November 16th friendship breakfast. The student-athletes are certainly looking forward to the Thanksgiving Day football game to be held at Agawam High School.

### At Partner's Restaurant...

## Friendship Breakfast Unites AHS And West Side High Gridirons

In an effort to promote positive attitude and respect between the Agawam and West Springfield High Schools, a friendship breakfast was held at Partner's Restaurant in Agawam on Tuesday, November 16th. Administrators, coaches, and several members of both football teams represented their schools at the meeting.

It is well-known that Agawam and West Springfield have been "rivals" for many years. However, the spirited emphasis of a well-meant rivalry has seemed to diminish over the years. It is the goal of both towns that this gathering will help bring back mutual respect and admiration toward

each other.

As Thanksgiving approaches, we ask that residents from both towns come out to support ALL of our children for the annual Turkey Day Game (to be held at Agawam High School at 10:00 a.m.). Get out your orange and brown and show your pride!

Special thanks go out to Mark Tansey, owner of Partner's Restaurant, for accommodating us on such a short notice, for donating the breakfast, and for caring about the children in our communities.

**EARLY DEADLINE: The deadline for ALL articles, ads, etc., for our Thanksgiving week edition is Sunday, November 21st, at 12 noon.**

**FOOTBALL - from Page 36...**

seemed on the move after receiving the kick-off. But a fumble gave the ball back to the Brownies at their own 25-yard line. However, with just over a minute left, they lost it on downs.

Cathedral then ran out the clock for their seventh win against two losses and a 5-0 AA slate.

Agawam came out of the fray with a 5-4, 3-3 AA record.

Brownie Coach Tad Desautels commented on his struggling defense, which has given up 103 points in their last two games (54 to Central last week).

"We haven't been tackling or wrapping up the ball carrier. And we're not getting 11 men to the ball. And we're not flying all over the field like we had been doing. Also, we've played a couple high powered teams these last two games."

**AGAWAM STATS:** RUSHING - Moore, 9-44, 1 TD; St. Jean, 10-54; Harlin, 1-5; Liquori, 1-1. PASSING - St. Jean - 17-32-239, 4 TDs, 1 int. RECEIVING - Harling - 14-208, 4 TDs; Conte - 3-31. DEFENSIVE - St. Jean, 2 int. TURNOVERS - Agawam - 3 fumbles, 1 int; Cathedral - 2 ints, 1 fumble.

**TOTAL YARDS** - Agawam - 343, 104 run, 239 pass; Cathedral - 342, 201 run, 141 pass.

**BROWNIE NOTE:** Agawam's final game of the 1999 season will be Thanksgiving Day, November 25th at Harmon Smith Field (10:00 a.m.) against West Springfield. The game will mark the 75th year of Agawam football. We hope anyone who was involved with the sport during those years will join the AHS Athletic Department for a ceremony at the game to mark that milestone.

For Agawam High School...

## 75th Football Anniversary On Thanksgiving Day

This Thanksgiving Day will mark the 75th anniversary of Agawam football.

If you have a story about any Turkey Day games that you deem important or memorable, please let us know so we can relate them in *The AAN*. This is important to the town as well as us.

Please call us about your story at 786-7747 or 786-5232.

Dave Rollins - Sports Editor

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THE 1999 GYMNASTICS SQUAD at Agawam High School: front row — Amy Morgan and Allison Morris; back row — Crystal Hersey, Elizabeth Clark, Coach Alison Bonnyman, Marylen Grozinger, and Dolores Cuccovia. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

Schoolgirl Gymnastics...

## Brownies Host Pittsfield And Wahconah To Conclude '99 Season

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Last Friday, the Agawam High gymnastics team hosted Pittsfield and Wahconah. The Brownies, down from their previous season when they were the PVIAC champions, were looking for a win. Unfortunately, they got nothing, thus running their final record to 0-20.

It wasn't surprising that things turned out the way they did. Going in, the team might have never been a team, having only five kids. You have to have seven to compete. They got the seven and went from there.

In the final match, Liz Clark was the Brownies' winner on bars and beam, taking third place in both. She was also third place in the all-around.

Coach Alison Bonnyman noted another good performer for her team. "Dolores Cuccovia did well on the beam and the vault."

In the end, however, this team was too short in numbers. Senior exchange student Marylen Groz-

inger was hurt, along with Crystal Hersey, both on the bar. They had five kids for this meet.

The team, hurting in the record books as much as on the mats, had set a goal, according to the coach. "We wanted to get 100 points, which we did against South Hadley and Monument Mountain in our second to the last meet of the year."

What happens now to a team needing many more participants? "We have a lot of girls in the eighth grade who are interested in gymnastics. Along with our returning veterans, we can get the Agawam gymnastics team back on top again," Bonnyman said.

They are getting ready to send some of their kids to the Western Mass. meet at Westfield on Friday, November 19th. Liz Clark should go. The coach, at this writing, will still have to see if others from the team will participate.

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Profile...

# Soccer Standout Sheri Benton Hopes To Continue Playing The Sport In College

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Sheri Benton was a premier defender for Agawam High girls' soccer this past season, and has been for the past three years. Recently, the three-sport athlete took some time out to talk about herself and her days at AHS.

Sheri turned 18 on October 2nd. All four years of her secondary education have been spent at Agawam High. Currently, her course load includes honors physics, honors calculus, English 12, sociology, and gym. Sheri is the treasurer of the AHS National Honor Society, has been a four-year member of the honor roll, and a four-year member of the Renaissance Club. Her favorite course was U.S. history (junior year). Joseph Fitzgerald (U.S. history) is her favorite teacher.

Currently, Sheri is looking at Quinnipiac College in Hamden (CT), Wheaton College in Norton (MA), and Central Connecticut State College in New Britain, CT. She wants to major in elementary education. Also, wherever she goes, Sheri would like to give college soccer a shot.

Besides soccer, she also plays basketball and lacrosse. Sheri was second team All-Western Mass. in soccer last year. She hopes to be named to the team again. Also, she was first team All-Western Mass. as a sophomore lacrosse player.

Soccer is her favorite sport. She scored a goal and had an assist this season from her familiar sweeper position.

Her most memorable sports moment came in basketball last year, when the team won the league championship and finished second in Western Mass. after an emotional loss against defending champion Minnechaug Regional up at the Mullins Center at UMass.

Her take on the 1999 soccer season: "We had fun. We should have won many more games than we did (6-9-2). Many were lost by a single goal because we just couldn't finish off our chances."

Sheri did mention that the Brownies were the number one defensive team in the league this year.

Cheese pizza is her favorite food.  
Blue is her hue.

A new Honda Accord would be her car of choice. Currently, she has a Toyota Corolla, which she hopes will make it through the winter.

USA women's soccer team star Mia Hamm is her top jock.

Sheri likes to kick back and chill at her friends' houses.

Casual clothes purchased from American Eagle suite her in the duds department.

Sheri likes all kinds of music except rap. Aerosmith is her top group.

Her top tube offering is "ER." "Armageddon" is tops on the silver screen for Sheri.

Clyde is her dad. Alma is her mom. Sheri has a brother, Keith (20), a graduate of Agawam High. She has a sister, Heidi (19), also a graduate of the High School.

She looks up to her dad. "He has a hearing disability, yet he never complains and is a very good man," she said.

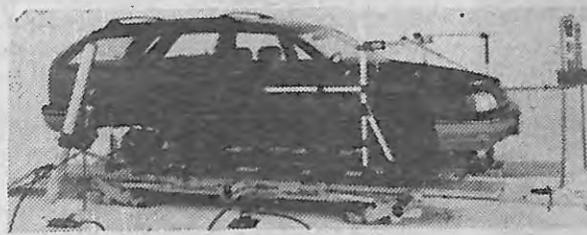
Sheri hopes her peers and the staff at AHS remember her in this way: "I was a good friend and someone who would always listen to what people had to say."

Coach Laura Wray had this to say about the senior sweeper. "What can you say? Sheri was the most outstanding player on our team. As one of our captains, she was a total leader and a total team player. Sheri is an ideal athlete and one of the premier girls' soccer players in Western Massachusetts. She could certainly play soccer and play it well in college at a Division I Double A level or for a division two or three program."



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Profile...

## Jenn Harvey — A Senior Field Hockey Player Who Gives Her All To The Game

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor



JENN HARVEY

While the Agawam High field hockey team (4-9-3) could have had a better season, one player who never stopped hustling, whatever the situation, was left wing Jenn Harvey. Recently, the senior took some time out to talk about herself and her days at AHS.

Jenn turned 17 on May 5th. She has spent all four years of her secondary education at Agawam High. Currently, her curriculum includes English 12, advanced math, the yearbook (business staff), physics, anatomy and physiology, sociology, and gym. She is a member of the Renaissance Society. English is her favorite course and Margo Poulin (English) is Jenn's top teacher.

Currently, she has her eye on two colleges - UMass Dartmouth and Westfield State. She isn't sure what her major will be.

Field hockey is her sport. She has been a member of the varsity for two years. She had one goal this season. That one goal is part of her most memorable sports moment. "It came in our 1-0 win here against Westfield," she smiled. Her take on the season went like this: "We wanted to get into the tournament, but it didn't happen, though we did pick it up at the tail end of the year. It was

fun anyway," she said.

Macaroni and cheese is Jenn's favorite fare. Pink is her color of choice. "I have a lot of pink clothes," she said.

A new Saab would be her choice in wheels.

Her favorite sport is professional figure skating. Jenn buys her clothes at the Gap. She likes both dressy stuff and comfortable, casual attire. She likes just about every kind of music except country. Blink 182 is her favorite group.

"ER" is tops on the tube for her. "Dirty Dancing" is her favorite flick.

Donna is her mom. Paul is her pop. She has an older sister, Alisa (21), who graduated from AHS in 1996.

Alisa is the person Jenn looks up to. "She's older than me and has been through a lot, so I listen to her," she noted.

When her days as a Brownie are over, Jenn wants to be remembered in this way - "I was an outgoing person who liked the color pink," she smiled.

Coach Carla Lemnah-Warner saw Jenn as a "senior leader who gave everything she had on the field and never gave up in any game."

## Aimee Loudfoot — A Shooting Star In Soccer For Holyoke Community

by Andy Walter  
(reprinted with permission from the Holyoke Sun)

There is a soccer player at Holyoke Community College who, early in her sophomore season, has already scored more goals than any other woman in the school's history. And Aimee Loudfoot, Holyoke Community College's star soccer player with the most apt sports name since James Jett, is enjoying this season of progress at HCC, which in all probability will be her last in collegiate soccer competition.

Ask anyone who's been around the team the past two seasons about the Cougars' top forward, and many of the same impressions come out. To wit: "Aimee's just so quick, when the ball gets ahead of the pack she's usually the one to get there first," said athletic director Rick Golas. "She's an exciting player."

Agrees associate head coach Ed Meyer, "Aimee's pretty dangerous."

Head coach Mike Carney, who is careful to point out that "Aimee's very good, but so are her teammates," does allow for some special praise. "When Aimee gets the ball, anything can happen, and it's usually something exciting, even if it's 1-on-3 or 1-on-4. She creates a lot of offense."

On the field, Loudfoot is the player who makes the opposing coaches sweat, a speedy threat to put the goal in the net almost any time she can be allowed to dribble. But hers is the story of a shooting star in more ways than one. She has become a soccer success story not in high school but in two seasons as a collegian, after which she will likely hang up her cleats, and quite contentedly at that.

After graduating from Agawam High School, Loudfoot came to Holyoke Community College, in large part for its proximity to home, and only knew she wanted to keep playing soccer. Her coaches had no idea of the talent their program was getting until she showed up to play.

Aimee looks back at her beginning at HCC with a chuckle. "The first day of practice, they had us running the same way they had the guys running. The next day, only about four came back. We had to go out and find more players, and we were lucky to get 10 on the field for most of our games."

Despite having her team outnumbered and some lack of high school playing experience, Loudfoot racked up 21 goals in her first year. Through the Cougars' 1-2-1 season thus far, she has added three more.

The last of these, the 24th, moved her ahead of Julie Pelletier, who scored 23 before becoming an NSCAA All-American at Tri-State University in Indiana. Aimee was unaware of Pelletier's record.

"I knew I was close, but I didn't know what the number was," she said.

For now, Loudfoot is enjoying playing this season with her team, which she describes as a



STRIKER AIMEE LOUDFOOT has already set HCC's career scoring mark.

close-knit group, and her coaches, Mike Carney, Ed Meyer, and Rob Galaska, whom she thoroughly enjoys playing for.

"They really make it fun. And they keep working us hard, which is great for us," she said.

But college is the time when many athletes' priorities change. Even the standouts. This past summer Loudfoot became engaged to be married, and she looks forward to a career in childcare after graduating from HCC this spring. While she hasn't quite made up her mind, she says she probably won't go on to an undergraduate institution, and if she did, playing soccer would be unlikely.

So just like that, the last game of HCC's season will most likely mark the end of the short career of Aimee Loudfoot, a shooting star of a shooting star.

*At Western Mass. Golf Tournament...*

## Bill Menard Of AHS Earns Tie For Ninth Place

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Agawam High sophomore Bill Menard finished in a two-way tie for ninth place in the Western Mass. Golf Tournament held at the Holden Hills Country Club in Holden, Mass. Menard talked about his round.

"I started on the fifth hole on the shotgun start. I had a bogey. I parred the sixth, seventh, and eighth. My downfall was the ninth. I hooked a ball and came up with a triple bogey. I had a good hole at the 10th and 11th. I started to hit my putts. I was not that happy with my final score of 82, which was 11 over par, but that is the way golf goes. My game is getting better. I'll be on the road to Arizona and other places in the near future playing on mini-tours," Menard told us.

"Holden Hills was a very good public course. It was short and narrow. You had to hit a straight shot to score on it," Agawam varsity golf Coach Paul Bachini said.

Then he added, "We had a great representation from Western Mass. East Longmeadow posted the top spot. South Hadley was third. We are becoming as good as the teams from the eastern part of the state."

## Agawam Parks & Rec. Has "Group Nights" For Falcons Hockey

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# AHS Golf Team Holds Banquet At Ferruccio's



MEMBERS of the golf team's booster club attended the end-of-the-season banquet: back row — Nancy Cullen, Donna Rosenberg, Kathie Landers, Diane Crum, and Al Montagna; front row — Fran Malanson, Gina Korney, Linda Montagna, and Nancy D'Amario. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

News photo by Kathy Shepard.



COACH PAUL BACHINI (back row, right) with his senior golfers at the team's end-of-the-season banquet at Ferruccio's in Agawam: back row — Shawn Biebel and Robert Woods; front row — Ryan Morgan, Jason Rosenberg, and Brian Chechile. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

## Agawam Parks & Recreation Dept. Announces Openings

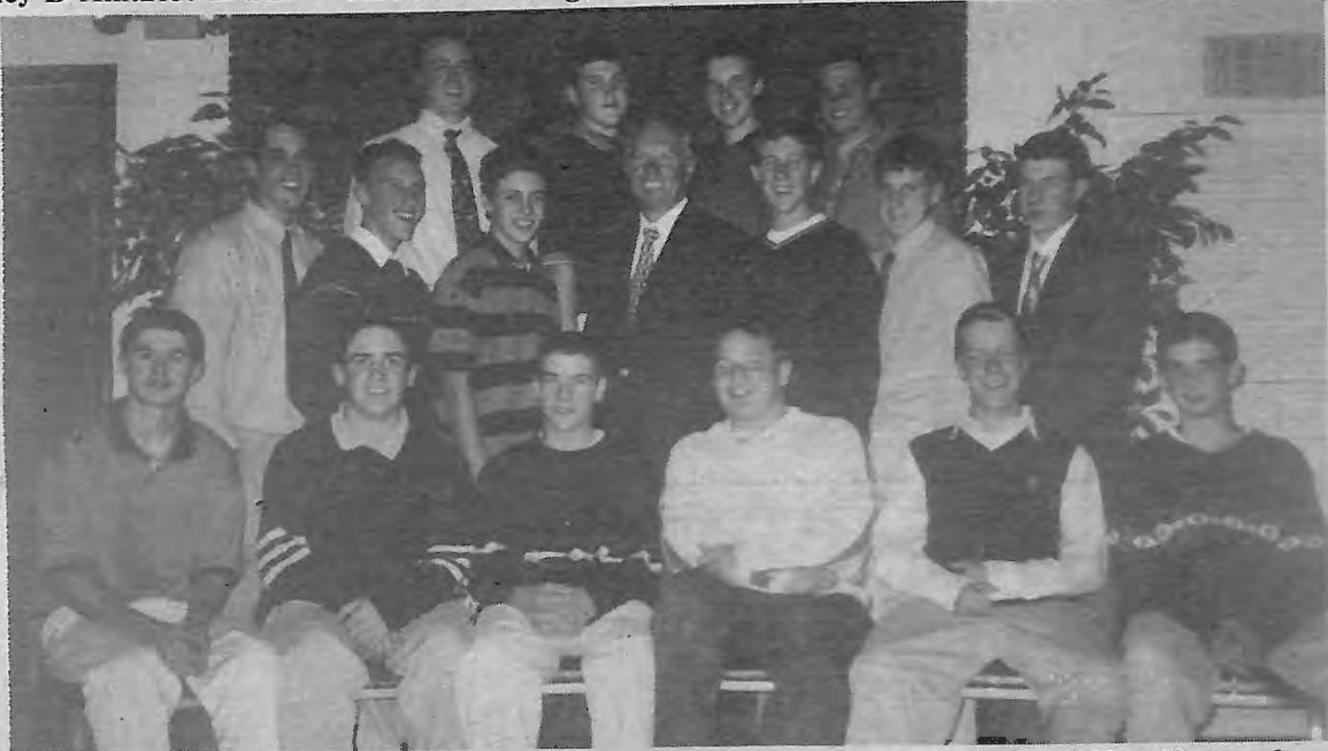
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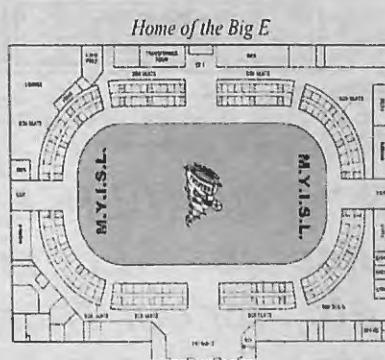
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## Agawam Senior Warriors End Season With 26-6 Victory

Agawam Senior Warriors youth football team finished a terrific season with a 26-6 win over Springfield North, Sunday, November 7th.

Led by head Coach Kirk Parker and captains Tony Carestia, Bruce Johnson, John Montalvo, Anthony Manzi, Bruce Moore, Jeff Neilsen, and Steven Santinello, the Senior Warriors finished their season with a 6-2 record.

The Senior Warriors are seventh- and eighth-graders Jim Lewin, Jonathon Gibbons, Joe Koehler, Brian LaChappelle, Andrew Wakelee, Kyle Perry, Anthony Ferrigno, Max Von Ossenbruggen, Peter Stellato, Michael LaChappelle, Thomas DePalo, Scott Santinello, Ryan McLane, Santino Alfano, Michael Toto, Roger Sircar, James Matteson, Ryan Pellerin, Dustin Hoover, Brendan Cayer, Chris Pass, Jawaan Wright, Tom DeCosmo, Augie Gamelli, Adam Smith, Michael Tetreault, Justin Perry, Robert Jensen, Jonathon Simone, Matthew Kupras, Jeff Walker, Kyle LaFontaine, Tom Gorman, Alex Gohn, Dave Mozdzanowski, Nick Demetrio, Rob Mesich, and March Maloney.

Coach Parker was assisted by Coaches LaFontaine, Toto, Wakelee, Burke, Gibbons, and Simone.

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## Agawam Twisters Complete Season In Playoff Turney

The girls' under-11 Agawam Twisters of the Pioneer Valley Soccer League completed their season the weekend of November 6th-7th in a playoff tournament held at Gateway Regional.

The Twisters, who entered play as the fourth-seeded team, defeated top-seeded Northampton, 2-0, in the first round of action. Stephanie Obue scored the two Twisters goals in a thrilling, hard-fought match which advanced the Twisters to the finals.

On Sunday, amidst a cold wind and occasional snow flurries, the Twisters battled a strong East Longmeadow team. Stephanie Obue was once again the offensive star, scoring two Twisters goals (one of them on a stinging penalty kick) to give the Twisters a 2-1 halftime lead.

But East Longmeadow came back in this tense, tightly-played match, scoring a goal late in the half to tie the game and send it to overtime. Then, early in the overtime period, East Longmeadow muscled past the Twisters' defenders and launched a goal into the net to defeat Agawam, 3-2, and end the season.

"The girls had a terrific season, and they played well and worked hard as a team not only in the playoffs this weekend, but all season long," said Twisters Coach Mike Obue.

Hats off to the fine group of young ladies on the Twisters for their great season: Cassie Ashwell, Christina Bertrand, Kayla Bryant, Lisa Carney, Heather Coache, Brittany DeGray, Natalie Honsinger, Megan Lalli, Laura Lyons, Brittany Margiotta, Stephanie Obue, Kaitlin Outhouse, Sarah Roos, Erin Theriault, and Sara Wilson. You've given your parents and everyone who came out to watch you this season plenty of reasons to cheer!

A special thanks to the coaches, Mike Obue and Steve Ashwell, who have so willingly devoted their time to instruct and guide the girls all year long.

And special recognition should also go out to some special parents whose help at practices and at games has been so valuable — Tom Bryant, Bob Coache, and Chris Roos — and to team representative Sally Outhouse, who does a great job of coordinating the Riverside Classic.

And to all the great Twisters parents, thanks for your support — we've all enjoyed this fun season and can't wait for spring soccer to begin!

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# Ag. Mongoose Defends U13 Soccer Title

Up in the cold early November winds at Gateway Regional High School on Sunday morning the 6th, the U13 Agawam Mongoose successfully defended its Pioneer Valley Girls Soccer League Division II title with a thrilling 2-1 sudden death penalty shootout victory over Wilbraham.

And equally as important as retaining the title, the Mongoose will now move up to Division I for the spring PVJSL slate. The team's first place finish automatically qualifies the Mongoose, led by Coaches Eddie Santaniello and Earle Hollister, a berth in the first division.

The shootout was forced following a scoreless first half and second half, as well as two scoreless overtime periods.

Tournament officials immediately moved the shootout to a confined area behind the high school known by the locals up there as "the swamp." The teams were virtually surrounded on all sides by spectators and the tension mounted with each shot.

Goalie Susan Jenney played a pivotal role in the victory. She scored the first goal for Mongoose in the third round to tie it at 1-1. She then made a spectacular diving save to keep the score tied at 2-2 in the fourth round. Sweeper Vanessa Tencati tallied the second goal for the Mongoose.

After the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth rounds all resulted in goose eggs for both teams, defender Alyse Mokrzycki belted in a shot to begin the ninth round giving the Mongoose a 3-2 lead.

The Wilbraham shooter then missed and the celebration began for the Mongoose.

Although the game was all zeroes for 50 minutes of regulation play and 10 minutes of overtime, the Mongoose held the territorial advantage and enjoyed stronger opportunities to score.

One came off the foot of forward Kirsten Patrick, who whistled a shot just by the post that appeared on target when it left her foot.

The next two chances were near spectacular finishes. Forward Ashley Proulx accepted a cross from the right corner with less than two minutes remaining in the game and her header sailed just over the crossbar.

And finally, with only seconds left in the second overtime, midfielder Maria Santaniello struck a bouncing ball on the half-volley from just inside



**THE MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM MONGOOSE**, which recently defended its U13 Division II title in the Pioneer Valley Girls Soccer League. Back row — Coach Eddie Santaniello, Kelsey Roberts, Cali Longtin, Kirsten Patrick, Susan Jenney, Alyse Mokrzycki, Vanessa Tencati, Karen Gottardi, Jeannine Hastings, and Coach Earle Hollister. Front row — Maria Santaniello, Amy Osgood, Alexandra Ivey, Ashley Proulx, Nicole Struck, Barbara Brizzolari, and Maryssa Wynne.

the 18-yard line that careened off the crossbar and out of harm's way.

The Mongoose received a strong game from the defensive group led by defender Barbara Brizzolari, stopper Vanessa Tencati, defender Alyse Mokrzycki, and stopper Jeannine Hastings.

The team effort continued with contributions

from Karyn Gottardi, Amy Osgood, Maryssa Wynne, Kelsey Roberts, Nicole Struck, Cali Longtin, and Alexandra Ivey.

Both Coaches Santaniello and Hollister wish to thank the players for their hard work and the parents for their support and cooperation during the fall season.

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The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department announces “Drop-In Basketball” began on Monday, October 18th and will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:45-8:45 p.m. at Agawam High School.

This is for residents 18 years-old and older. Proof of residency is required for admission. Cost is \$2 a night payable to the site supervisor upon arrival.

## Jr. High Pool Is Open To Residents On Friday Evenings

The Agawam Junior High School Pool is open to Agawam residents on Friday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for public swims.

Admission fees are \$2 for children and adults age six and older and \$1 per person for children age five and younger.

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## Basketball Clinic For Girls At American International College

The eighth annual AIC Basketball Clinic for girls will be held at AIC's Butova Gym.

The clinic for girls in grades nine through 12 will be held on Sunday, November 21st.

For more information, contact Coach Pete Cinella at 413-747-6556.

## New Officials Sought For Hampden County Women's Basketball

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## How Many Cobras Fit Into A Beetle?



THE AGAWAM COBRAS, the U13 “A” Division champs in the Pioneer Valley Soccer League, recently saw this “punch buggy” and were curious to find out how many of them could fit in it. (Thank-you, Mrs. Pat Liquori, for letting it happen!) Pictured above are Stacy Boisvert, Jamie Cullen, Julie Czuprynski, Elise Davilli, Kelly Follis, Danielle Glantz, Jessica Lalli, Amy Lownds, Tiffany Manzi, Lauren Peltier, Jessica Pokora, Meghan Pokorny, and Kara Powell.

## Congratulations To The Cobras...

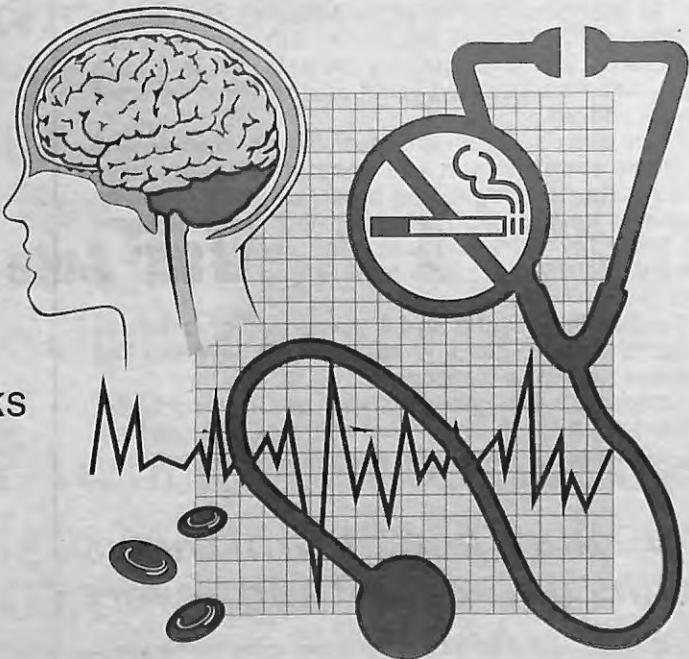


THE MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM COBRAS, the U13 girls' Division 1 playoff champs in the Pioneer Valley Soccer League. Back row — Coach Dwight Northrup, Julie Czuprynski, Jessica Lalli, Meghan Pokorny, Jessica Pokora, Kelly Follis, Heather Albano, Danielle Glantz, Liz Barker, and Coach Denny Marr. Front row — Lauren Peltier, Tiffany Manzi, Stacy Boisvert, Jamie Cullen, Elise Davilli, Kara Powell, and Amy Lownds.

## Stroke Risk Factors



- High blood pressure
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- High red blood cell count



## Agawam U-18 Girls In Metro Softball Tourney

On July 24th and 25th, the Agawam girls' under 18 softball team participated in the Metro Leagues Softball Tournament at Nonotuck Park in Easthampton. They played a total of six games in record-breaking heat.

The girls finished off their regular season in third place with a record of 8-6, which put them in the "B" division for the playoffs. Team MVPs for the regular season were rookies Erin Jackson and Katie Ludwig.

**Game 1 - Agawam vs. Northampton:** In the bottom of the seventh, Agawam was down by one when Danielle Bachini hit a single, Kornelia "K" Moysis got hit by a pitch, and catcher Debbie Boissonsault laid down a perfect bunt to advance the runners to second and third. Both scored on a hard single by freshman Amanda Brown to win the game. Final score, Agawam 9, Northampton 8. The win kept the girls in the winners' bracket of the double-elimination tournament and earned them a few hours off before their next game.

**Game 2 - Agawam vs. Wilshire:** Wilshire played a great game, fielding their entire varsity team. Eighth-grader Danielle Borsari showed a lot of composure and a good pitching effort, but Agawam lost this one, 9-1, and entered the loser's bracket.

**Game 3 - Agawam vs. Wilbraham:** Agawam was the best game of the weekend. With two outs in the seventh inning, and Agawam down by two, freshman Katie Dubay worked the count, drew a walk, and stole second. Senior Erin Rescigno came up next and placed a hit between first and second to score Dubay and tie the game. "K" hit a line drive up the middle to bring Rescigno around and win the game, 3-2. This second come-from-behind victory kept the girls in the playoffs, which meant they had to return the next day.

**Game 4 - Agawam vs. East Longmeadow:** The game was tied until Amanda Brown hit a two-run homer in the top of the sixth, to pull ahead, 3-2. A great defensive play by Jen Bishop, who had a running, one-handed grab in centerfield, saved the game for pitcher Katie Ludwig, who allowed only three hits.

**Game 5 - Agawam vs. South Hadley (the 1998 Playoff Champions):** Solid pitching by Katie Ludwig held them to only two runs, while Agawam racked up five. Freshman player Erin Jackson played solid defense at third base when she filled in for an absent varsity player. Ashley Robidoux was an enthusiastic utility player filling in when and where she was needed.

**Game 6 - Championship Game, Agawam vs. Wilshire:** Wilshire was still undefeated and playing their first game of the day. Agawam put up a good effort, but couldn't pull it off, losing this final game. Their record for the tournament was good enough to give them a well-earned second place.

We had a great season and we are looking forward to next year. The coaches would like to thank the players for their effort and the parents for their support. The team is still in need of sponsors for next year. Anyone interested can call Dan Sullivan at 427-0006. Special thanks to Berkshire Power for their partial sponsorship.

*On December 4th & 5th...*

## Hancock Invitational Gymnastics Meet At Spfld. College

John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company will sponsor the fourth annual John Hancock Holiday Invitational Gymnastics Meet at Springfield College on Saturday, December 4th, and Sunday, December 5th. The Holiday Invitational is a USA Gymnastic sanctioned competition for girls ages seven and up.

Thompson's Gymnastics of South Hadley will host the event, which will consist of teams from all over New England. The meet will feature seven levels of competition, starting with level 8 teams on Saturday at 10:00 a.m., followed by level 7 teams at 2:15 p.m., and level 9 and 10 teams at 6:45 p.m.

On Sunday, level 6 and 4 teams will compete at 10:00 a.m., and level 5 teams at 2:30 p.m. The general public is welcome.

Admission each day is \$5 for adults, and \$3 for children. Children under five years of age are free.

For further information, please call Thompson's Gymnastics at 532-0374.

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**THE MEMBERS OF THE THE AGAWAM GIRLS' UNDER 18 SOFTBALL: Back row — Coaches Tom Borsari, Dave Rescigno, and Tim Murphy. Middle row — Katie Dubay, Debbie Boissonsault, Danielle Bachini, Amanda Brown, Jen Bishop, and Katie Ludwig. Front row — Erin Jackson, Danielle Borsari, Ashley Robidoux, Erin Rescigno, and manager Dan Sullivan. (Missing from photo: Kornelia "K" Moysis.)**

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by Kent Servis  
Outdoor Writer

Fall fishing is peaked at the ocean, and the fresh water scene is ripe for the picking. Between hunts for pheasant and deer, pick up the rod and have some of the year's best fishing luck!

The Connecticut River is the spot for some great fishing for large yellow perch and crappies. Twelve- and 13-inch perch are not uncommon at this time of year. Try areas such as the mouth of the Connecticut River and the Agawam River. Small shiners fished on light jig heads or crappie jigs work just great.

Hampton Ponds have been giving up some jumbo-sized crappies and some respectable large-mouth bass. Deep-water jigging with shiner-tipped jigs have been the ticket. The secret is to find the creek channel drop-offs and work them slowly!

Houndsmen and women, for that matter, are having a ball slogging through swamps and trudging through thick underbrush while following the hound music. The raccoon population is back on the rise. The rabies epidemic is not over with, and care should be taken in handling raccoons and pets.

Make sure that "Old Blue" and the rest of your canine companions have had their shots updated!

Pheasant hunting has been an up-and-down proposition. With the closure of the old Wilbraham game farm, our allotment of birds seems to have shrunk. With most of the birds being raised in the eastern end of the state, it does make one stop and wonder.

### FISH REPORTS FRESH WATER

Hampton Ponds have been giving up some jumbo crappies and a good share of smallish but feisty large-mouth.

Congamond Lakes are still producing some good trout action in the early-morning hours. Bass fishing has been a little on the slow side, according to knowledgeable sources.

Connecticut River fishermen are reporting catches of some very large perch at the river mouths and the mouths of larger feeder streams. Carp fishermen are still scoring on a few jumbos, but the action has started to slow.

### SALT WATER

Party boats are still working the waters, with blackfish being one of the prime targets. Cod fishing continues, as some of the fish are beginning to move inshore. Stripers are being taken in all the usual spots by shore fishermen, and some large blues are also mixed in.

Have a safe and enjoyable week in our great New England outdoors.

## Western Mass. Aquatic Club At Buzzards Bay

Western Mass. Aquatic Club traveled to Buzzards Bay to compete against 15 other USS teams. The meet had some of the best teams in New England, such as the Mass. Bay Marlins, Cape Cod Swim Club, and the South Shore Stripers.

WMAC definitely held their own and placed many of their swimmers in the top six spots. "The kids swam real tough this weekend. We have been swimming hard in practice and it showed. The kids were physically broken down, however swam fast and did not let anything affect them. I am proud of the guts and determination the kids showed in the Cape," head Coach David Dembowitz stated.

From Agawam, Joe Santaniello placed fourth in the 200 free and third in the 200 fly; Andrew Aradolino placed first in the 25 breast; Anthony Aradolino placed sixth in the 100 breast; Samantha Hibbert placed sixth in the 25 backstroke.

The Western Mass. Aquatic Club is continuing swimming lessons throughout the winter. "This is a great opportunity for kids to be ready to swim by summer," Assistant Coach Amber Waters stated.

If you have any questions regarding swimming lessons, please feel free to contact Coach Dembowitz at 781-9316 or [www.westsidetsunamis.com](http://www.westsidetsunamis.com).

**Swimming Tip of the Week:** Never slow down into a flip turn. Maintain your speed and that will give you the momentum to flip quicker and get off the wall much faster.

In Tri-Parish Bowling...

## Round Two Begins With St. Mary & St. Louis Tied For First Place

The second round has begun for the Tri-Parish bowling league. But before we review the first night scores, let's take a look back at the first round finish, which showed Catholic University as the winner.

In a tie for second place were four teams, so placement was decided by pinfall. Notre Dame finished highest, followed by Holy Cross, St. Mary, and Georgetown. Fordham was alone in sixth place.

St. Louis and Boston College tied for last with St. Louis, having the lowest pinfall (thereby clinching the bottom). \*\*\*

St. Louis (last place in round one) started off round two on the right foot by beating first-place finisher Catholic University. Glen "Not Sam" Adams led the winners with a 151 single and a 378 triple. Jim "Big Mac" McCormack chipped in with a 296 total. For the losers, Frank "Buck" Cerpovicz rolled a steady 317.

Notre Dame and Georgetown tied 2-2 in a close match. Notre Dame had to win the last game by more than 11 pins to split the points. The teams ended up with a total difference of only seven pins. Barb "Wire" Howard led Georgetown with a 128 single and a total of 338. Maybeth "Miss Consistent" Coughlin was high for Notre Dame with a

313 total. In this matchup, big guns did not shoot their usual scores. Flo "Rocky" Rochford edged Debbie "Mighty" Poirier, 299-292.

In another tied match that was even closer, Holy Cross took total pinfall from Boston College in the last string to get the tie. For HC, Ron "The Don" Menard rolled a 350 total. For BC, Betsy "Loose" Cannon and Roger "Rabbit" Josephson rolled 297 and 316, respectively.

In the last match, St. Mary clobbered Fordham, 3-1. Mary "Not Marlo" Thomas had a big night with strings of 132 and 129 and a total of 344. Rich "Golden" Snyder rolled strings of 127 and 130 and totaled out a 374 for the losers. Donna "Big D" Kosinski did well with a 110 string and a 290 total. "Jolly" Olly Muldrew only rolled a 316, which will raise his handicap for next week (but didn't help this match).

### STANDINGS

St. Mary	3-1
St. Louis	3-1
Notre Dame	2-2
Georgetown	2-2
Holy Cross	2-2
Boston College	2-2
Fordham	1-3
Catholic University	1-3

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## AGAWAM SPRING SOCCER SIGN-UPS

The Agawam Soccer Association will be having its spring sign-ups for Pioneer Valley and In-Town programs on November 20th. Sign-ups will be held at the Agawam Middle School from 10:00 to 2:00.

Children that are five years-old by October of 1999 and no older than 11 years-old by October of 1999 will be eligible for the In-Town program.

There will be a second sign-up at the Agawam Junior High School on December 5th from 1:30 to 3:00.

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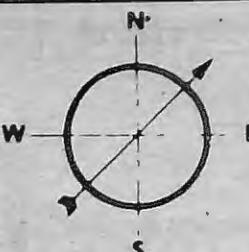
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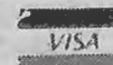
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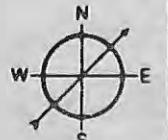
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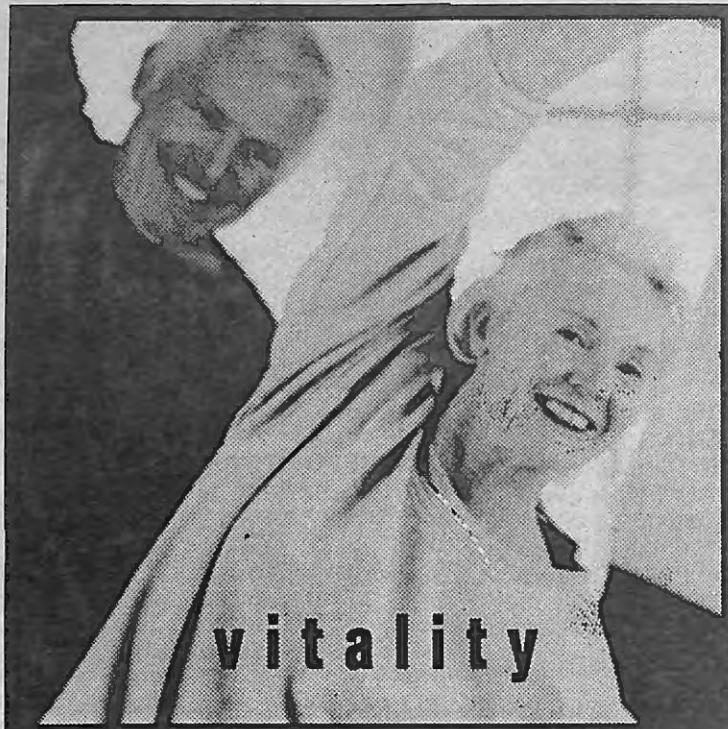
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